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At right, an FMU painting student uses the park's waterfall as the subject for his class assignment.

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The fall 2005 semester at Francis Marion University has been abuzz with activity, probably unlike any other in its 36-year history.

There has been a significant increase in enrollment, bringing more new students to the campus. Total enrollment topped 4,000 for only the second time in the institution's history, and the extra students make the campus feel much busier than in recent years.

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Architectural rendering of the Frank B. Lee Nursing Building, scheduled for completion by next summer.

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structed on the north side of the campus pond. This facility will house the Department of Nursing that will expand the number of bachelor's degree prepared nurses to serve the medical needs of the Pee Dee region. When that building comes on line next summer, FMU will double the number of students admitted into the nursing program.

Also under construction is a 4,800-square-foot facility to enhance student activities. This \$1.25 million building, also scheduled to be finished before next fall, is being located beside the outdoor swimming pool and will serve as a place for students to gather after class and in the evenings.

This as yet unnamed building will feature a game room, lounge area and a grill where students can get something to eat after the dining hall closes. It will have an open area that adjoins the outdoor pool so that student organizations can host outside activities.

Also recently completed is an outdoor park between the Cottage and Wallace House. This \$15,000 park is being named after longtime faculty member and administrator Gary Hanson who died earlier this year. Hanson Park has a garden-like atmosphere with footpaths and picnic tables where students and employees can find a quiet place for an outdoor lunch or to read and reflect.

FMU President Fred Carter said the construction this year is part of a 10-year plan to improve campus facilities.

"By 2009, we will have spent \$50 million to build new facilities or to renovate existing ones," he said. "This is a combination

of public and private support that will make our physical plant second to none in the state of South Carolina."

Since 2000, the university has renovated Smith University Center Commons (\$60,000) and the UC gymnasium (\$175,000), renovated the residence halls laundry room (\$8,000), renovated Lowrimore Auditorium in the Media Center (\$450,000), rebuilt Kassab Tennis Courts (\$265,000), built the BB&T/Amelia Wallace Faculty/Alumni Cottage (\$650,000), installed a fountain in the campus mall area (\$98,000), upgraded the James E. Dooley Planetarium (\$235,000), built





Architectural rendering of Student Activity Center.

phase one of the Forest Villas Apartment complex (\$9.9 million), installed sound systems in the gym (\$83,000), Fine Arts Center Theatre (\$35,000) and the UC Commons (\$30,000) and replaced furniture and appliances in Village Apartments (\$720,000).

The FMU Foundation also purchased 109 acres across the street from FMU (\$1.3 million) that expands the campus to more than 400 acres. An agreement has been reached with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources for that state agency to locate a regional facility on 10 acres of that property.

Carter said the DNR facility would enable FMU faculty to interact with DNR biologists and there would be opportunities for students to conduct internships and field exercises with that state agency.

The president said the university would explore other uses for the new campus acreage in the next three to four years.

Several other major projects are also on the drawing board. Planned for the 2006-2007 year will be construction of phase two of Forest Villas apartments that will add another 200 beds to campus housing. This is expected to cost between \$6 million and \$7 million.

Also planned that year will be a Center for the Child, a \$2 million project to be located beside the Pee Dee Education Center, property that was deeded back to the university earlier this year. The Center for the Child will be an important teaching facility for early childhood education and will enable students to get firsthand experience in dealing with small children. It also will serve as a daycare facility for children of students, faculty and staff.

Another construction project on the horizon will include expanding the footprint of the Hyman Fine Arts Center to accommodate the growth in those programs.

During the 2007-2008 year, a \$13 million building to house the School of Business and School of Education is planned. This 61,000-square-foot building will be built on the south side of the campus pond that will be enlarged beneath Alumni Drive and into the area between McNair Science Building and the University Center.

The final construction project has to

wait until the business and education building is finished and those programs are relocated from Founders Hall. During 2008-2009, Founders Hall, originally built in 1974 and with more than 30 years of wear and tear, will be renovated and modernized at an estimated cost of \$6 million.

That brings the total price tag for new and refurnished campus facilities to more than \$50 million over a 10-year period.

Nursing Building named in honor of Dr. Lee

The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees has approved the naming of the new nursing building that is under construction on campus in honor of longtime Florence physician Frank B. Lee.

The university will name the 30,000square-foot facility the Frank Barnwell Lee Nursing Building. Dr. Lee is chairman of the board of trustees of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation.

"Dr. Lee has been an avid proponent of the FMU nursing program, and the university wishes to acknowledge his distinguished medical career and his philanthropic work through the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation by naming this facility in his honor," said FMU president Fred Carter.

A native of Scranton, Dr. Lee practiced medicine in Florence for more than 50 years. He is a 1939 graduate of the University of South Carolina and earned his medical degree from the Medical

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Enrollment hits second highest mark in university history

Fall semester enrollment at Francis Marion University has topped the 4,000 mark for only the second time in the institution's 36-year history.

Official fall enrollment stands at 4,008 students, surpassed only by the record 4,103 students who attended FMU in 1993. This fall's enrollment has jumped by 310 students from last year, an 8.3 percent increase.

"We are delighted that more students are discovering that FMU is a great place to continue their education," said President Fred Carter. "The credit belongs to the faculty and staff for the quality of education offered at this institution. It is their work that enhances the university's reputation and attracts these enrollments."

Carter said enrollment has increased from almost all regions of the state, but particularly the Pee Dee. He said numbers were up sharply in all Pee Dee counties and from Richland, Sumter, Horry and Charleston counties.

Carter said 95 percent of the student body comes from all 46 counties in South Carolina. The other five percent comes from 27 other states and 23 countries.

There are 3,500 undergraduate students and 508 graduate students registered for fall classes, both numbers up from last year. This is the largest undergraduate class since 1994, and the largest graduate class since 2002. This is the sixth straight year that the number of FMU underclassmen has increased.

The undergraduate enrollment breaks

down as follows: new freshmen, 803; other freshmen, 164; sophomores, 794; juniors, 717; seniors, 704; and special students, 318.

Women make up 67 percent of the total enrollment. Minorities make up 40 percent of the student body. Seventy-seven percent of the students are enrolled full-time. The average age of undergraduates is 21, and the average for graduate students is 35.6.

Florence County continues to provide the largest number of students to FMU with 1,252, or 31.2 percent of the total. Darlington Country is second with 311 students, followed by Marion County with 202, both increases from last year.

Other counties providing significant numbers of students to FMU are: Dillon (179), Richland (177), Charleston (157), Horry (146), Sumter (143), Williamsburg (136), Marlboro (133), Chesterfield (132), Clarendon (91), Kershaw (86), Berkeley (81), Georgetown (78), Dorchester (73) and Lexington (54).

The largest number of out-of-state students comes from North Carolina (19), Ohio (18), Virginia (16), Maryland (15), Georgia (14), New York (11) and Florida (9).

The largest number of international students comes from Canada (8), Sri Lanka (5), Germany (4), and India, Ireland and South Africa (3 each).

The total credit hours taught (49,256) also jumped significantly over last year (46,533), the fifth straight year that number has increased.

Nursing building named

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University of South Carolina in 1942. He was a medical officer with the U.S. Army 88th Division in Italy during World War II.

The Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation donated \$5.5 million toward construction of the \$7.5 million nursing building. Located in Florence, the Foundation was established in 1995 upon the sale of Carolinas Hospital System. This medical system was the result of the merger of two community-based hospitals, Bruce Hospital System and Florence General Hospital, which were the consummation of the energies, creativity and dedication of Drs. John L. Bruce, Lamar Lee and Frank B. Lee.

The Board of Trustees approved a resolution in November naming an auditorium in the nursing building in honor of Dr. John M. Thomason, a long-time Florence physician and a staunch supporter of the FMU nursing program. Dr. Thomason served the Pee Dee region for more than 30 years and has served as vice chairman of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation board since its inception in 1995.

Lawson joins Admissions Office

Cynthia A. Lawson of Columbia has been named director of admissions at FMU. She replaces Drucilla Russell who took a position elsewhere.

Lawson will coordinate the university's recruiting, application and admissions process for all new undergraduate students.



Lawson

"We are pleased to have someone with Ms.

Lawson's background and experience take over the management of our admissions process," said Provost Richard Chapman.

"This is such a critical position in making high school and transfer students aware of educational programs available at Francis Marion," he said. "She will do an outstanding job in working with students and their parents in the admissions process."

Julian Young, a 1976 FMU graduate, has been named assistant director. Marshall Connor was promoted to coordinator of freshman admissions and Allyson Bigby, a 2005 graduate, is an admissions counselor.

This fall, for the fourth straight year, FMU had a record number of freshman applications.

A native of Fayetteville, N.C., Lawson earned a bachelor's degree at Meredith College in 1984 and a master's from Duke University in 1993.

Prior to coming to FMU, she was associate director of undergraduate admissions at the University of South Carolina at Columbia for nine years. She also has been associate dean of admissions at Emory & Henry College in Virginia, area director for the American Heart Association in Charlottesville, associate director for student enrollment at Chowan College in North Carolina and an admissions counselor at Meredith College in Raleigh.



Degree in medical technology approved

The FMU Board of Trustees in November authorized the university to begin offering a bachelor's degree in biology with an emphasis in medical technology.

The trustees authorized FMU to modify its program to begin offering a "3+1" program requiring 94 semester hours at FMU and 30 hours at the McLeod Regional Medical Center School of Medical Technology or another accredited school of medical technology. The proposed date of implementation is spring semester 2006.

"The cooperative program between FMU and McLeod will allow our students to develop the special skills needed for a professional career in medical technology, within the framework of a liberal arts education," said Larry McCumber, FMU professor of biology and coordinator of the medical technology program.

"They will be trained in the cutting edge techniques of cellular and molecular diagnostics while acquiring the broader liberal arts background that will better prepare them for their future roles as supervisors in a highly demanding and complex medical field."

There is a nationwide shortage of personnel with medical technology degrees. The U.S. Bureau of Labor predicts that for the remainder of this decade there

will be a need for 12,400 laboratory professional graduates per year.

Currently, about 4,100 graduates are produced for medical technologists and medical laboratory technicians combined. The best available information indicates that only nine such graduates come from the Pee Dee region each year, not enough to fill the openings in area hospitals or in private laboratories and physicians' offices.

Vacancy rates nationally run about 12 to 20 percent. In addition, 72 percent of the laboratory workforce is over the age of 40 with an average age of 47. About half the current laboratory workforce is eligible to retire by 2010.

The new FMU 3+1 program will make it possible for students to join the workforce one year earlier than the present 4+1 program. The proposed program will continue to provide the crucial scientific background for welleducated medical technology professionals.

The program modification will also enable eligible students to use the Life Scholarship during the clinical year and also allow access to other university financial aid programs for the fourth, clinical year.



Dr. Larry McCumber works in the biology lab.

All faculty, facilities and courses needed for this program are already in place within the Department of Biology.

Teacher education program maintains accreditation

The teacher education program at Francis Marion University has maintained its accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), based in Washington, D.C.

The official approval came Nov. 4 in a letter to FMU president Fred Carter from Arthur E. Wise, president of NCATE. NCATE is the most prestigious national accreditation that university teacher education programs can receive. The U.S. Department of Education recognizes NCATE as the professional accrediting organization for schools, colleges, and departments of education in the United States.

"This reaccreditation is due in large part to the diligence and hard work of the faculty," said Carter. "We truly have one of the finest schools of education in the state and one of the most accomplished faculties."

FMU first gained NCATE accreditation in 1999. Accreditation, once granted, must be constantly maintained. Continuing accreditation requires institutions to maintain high standards,

employ a comprehensive assessment system to monitor the program, file annual reports, and host an on-site Board of Examiners evaluation team every five years.

"The NCATE label indicates that we have a quality program," said Ron Faulkenberry, dean of the FMU School of Education. "NCATE accreditation is an arduous process. I congratulate the School of Education faculty for their excellent work in maintaining our accreditation and national recognition."

NCATE currently accredits 602 colleges of education with nearly 100 more seeking NCATE accreditation. NCATE is a coalition of 33 member organizations of teachers, teacher educators, content specialists, and local and state policy makers. All are committed to quality teaching, and together, the coalition represents over 3 million individuals.

FMU has awarded 4,460 undergraduate and graduate degrees in education over the last 35 years, and has more graduates employed as teachers in the Pee Dee region than any other university.



Center of Excellence receives grants totaling \$1 million

Francis Marion University's Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty (COE) has received two grants totaling more than \$1 million.

The first grant, from the S.C. Department of Education Science and Mathematics Unit, is \$558,000 (\$186,000 annually

over three years). The second grant, an Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) grant from the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, is approximately \$500,000 (\$125,000 over four years). FMU will match the ITQ grant in the amount of approximately \$49,000 annually.

Each grant will fund a project that will draw together 24 teachers (three from each grade level, grades one through eight) from the partner schools to participate in 13 weekends of intensive immersion in curriculum development over a

period of seven months. The purpose of the immersion sessions is to learn the conceptual framework for developing high-quality instructional units, which are standards-based and highly effective for teaching children of poverty. The sessions will be led by FMU consultant faculty under the guidance of Lorin Anderson, an educator and psychologist.

Upon completion, each curriculum unit will be field tested

in the partner school districts and revised as part of an ongoing process of development. Teachers will communicate with peers and consultant faculty to refine instructional units, keep journals to determine impact on teaching and learning, and do self-assessments to document changes in teacher practice and student

> achievement. Completed units will be put on CDs and disseminated in the Pee Dee region by the center and ultimately throughout the state of South Carolina through the S.C. Department of Educa-

"The curriculum development projects funded by the Commission on Higher Education and the S.C. State Department of Education will afford participating teachers the opportunity to work collaboratively with their peers across the Pee Dee and under the direction of Dr. Ander-

son, a nationally recognized researcher," said Tammy Pawloski, director of the COE. "The resulting curriculum units, developed by these local teachers that have experienced success in working with children of poverty, are certain to be products that will improve instruction in schools that serve large populations of low-income families."



Merritt named FMU's legal counsel

Robert E. "Bob" Merritt of Columbia has been named university attorney for Francis Marion University.

His appointment is effective in January 2006.

"Bob Merritt brings a wealth of legal expertise in state government to this new FMU position," said FMU President Fred Carter. "He is a consummate professional and will be a wonderful addition to the university and the Pee Dee community."

Merritt has 21 years experience providing legal counsel to various state agencies.

Since 2003, Merritt has been extraditions counsel for the governor's office, on assignment from the Budget and Control Board. He also has served as lead staff to the Governor's Management Accountability and Performance Commission and as staff to the South Carolina Commission on International Cooperation.

Merritt has served as assistant general counsel to the S.C. Budget and Control Board and was assigned as staff to the S.C. Education Lottery Commission during its start-up period in 2001.

From 1992 to 2001, he was chief of staff and counsel to the S.C. Senate Finance Committee's Office of President Pro Tempore John Drummond. From 1987 to 1992, he was director of research and counsel to the S.C. Senate Fish, Game and Forestry Committee. From 1983 to 1987, he was a law clerk and later the attorney for the S.C. Senate Finance Committee.

Merritt has experience as an agent for the S.C. Probation, Parole and Pardon Board, served as a Charleston County Sheriff's Deputy, taught in the Charleston County public schools and was a police officer with the North Charleston Police Department.

Raised in Berkeley County, he earned a bachelor's degree from



Merritt

the University of South Carolina in 1973 and a law degree from the University of South Carolina Law School in 1984. He was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1984.



FMU ranked in Top 100 by U.S. News & World Report

Francis Marion University has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report magazine as one of the south's top 100 master's level universities for the fifth year in a row.

FMU also was ranked as one of the country's most diverse campuses for the sev-

enth time in eight years.

The rankings are published in the magazine's book America's Best Colleges, 2006 Edition.

FMU is among schools that are classified as master's level institutions under the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, the grouping system that U.S. News uses as the basis for its ranking categories.

There are 572 universities in the master's level category, ranked within four geographic areas-North, South, Midwest and West—because they generally draw

> students heavily from surrounding states.

The method that U.S. News uses to rank colleges and universities consists of three basic steps. The schools are categorized primarily by mission and in some cases, region, using data in 15 indicators of academic excellence. The indicators used to capture academic quality fall

into seven categories: academic reputation through peer assessment, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni

giving, and graduation performance. The ranking formula gives greatest weight to academic reputation.

With an African-American enrollment of 40 percent, FMU was ranked sixth among master's-level schools in the South in the magazine's campus diversity category. The magazine identifies colleges in this category where students are most likely to encounter undergraduates from racial or ethnic groups different from their own.

FMU is classified by the magazine as a regional university, an institution that offers a wide selection of undergraduate programs and master's degrees, but few, if any, doctoral programs. FMU offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in more than 49 areas of study.

Francis Marion University students raise money for Hurricane Katrina relief



FMU students raised \$1,202 for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The Francis Marion University Office of Student Affairs, in conjunction with the Student Government Association and the University Programming Board, sponsored "Changing Lives: A Patriot Campaign for Hurricane Relief."

From Sept. 19 to Oct. 19, the Office of Student Affairs coordinated this effort to raise money to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Student organizations were encouraged to participate in this campus-wide effort by "purchasing" a five-gallon bottle that was placed in the Smith University Center throughout the 30-day campaign.

Participation in the campaign required student organizations to make an initial \$10 donation, which was placed in the organization's bottle. Throughout the campaign, participating organizations hosted fundraising events, making individual donations, seeking sponsors, and developing other creative fundraising methods. All funds went in the organization's bottle, with the entire amount from each bottle going to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief. Eleven student organizations participated. Gamma Sigma Sigma, a national service sorority, raised the highest amount (\$384.41).

Summer trip to Peru planned

Three professors are planning a summer field course/trip to Peru, South America during the Summer I term, June 2006. Professors Travis Knowles and Jeff Camper of the biology department and Scott Brown of the political science and geography department are coordinating the trip.

The trip, which is open to students, alumni, faculty and staff, will survey the environments and peoples of both the Andean highlands and the Amazonian rainforests. Travelers will have an opportunity to become exposed to the diverse cultures and environments of this South American country. Peru boasts the heart of the ancient Inca civilization and the world-renowned Incan archaeological site of Machu Picchu. The itinerary ranges from the high altiplano of the Andes to the lowland tropical rainforests of the Amazon Basin, replete with a colorful array of bird, mammal, reptile, and amphibian wildlife. For more information, contact Dr. Brown, associate professor of geography and coordinator of international studies, 843-661-1611, or ssbrown@fmarion.edu.

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Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute expands

The Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute at Francis Marion University is expanding its range of services to local business people in the Pee Dee area.

The institute, founded in 1972 and housed in FMU's School of Business, offers technical assistance to small businesses and non-profit organizations, free of charge.

The institute creates comprehensive business plans for its clients, who can then approach various financial sources with the information required for procuring funding. The business plans are developed by student work teams.

If a business plan is not needed, the institute can also offer an intern to help with various management functions for five hours per week over the course of a semester through its internship program.

The Small Business Institute also serves as a clearing house for clients who need specific research, marketing, technology, or accounting help, by directing them to other FMU professors who may have class projects to address those specific needs.

The expansion is made possible through an annual state appropriation of \$350,000. The funds will enable the institute to increase its assistance to small businesses throughout the Pee Dee region.

"We will now be able to reach out more effectively to smaller communities," said Dr. Joe Aniello, an FMU management professor and executive director of the institute. "We now have the resources to work in nine counties: Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter, and Williamsburg."

The money will also allow the institute to function year-round, instead of just during the academic year. Additional staff, students, assistants, and adjunct faculty will be hired as necessary.

"In recent years we have been helping 10 to 15 businesses per year," said Aniello. "We expect to more than double that number with this expansion."

The funding will also allow research, training, and conference attendance.

A screening committee composed of FMU School of Business faculty members will evaluate applications by small businesses seeking the institute's assistance. An advisory board made up of local business leaders and community members is also being formed.

"The expansion of the Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute will be an asset to the entire Pee Dee region," said FMU president Fred Carter. "Small businesses are vitally important to local economic development, and this institute



Martha Harrell Kelley and Dr. Joe Aniello at the open house for the Kelley Small Business Institute.

will serve as a tremendous resource by providing a wide range of business planning services."

Carter also praised legislators from the Pee Dee region who helped secure funding to support expansion of the small business institute.

One recent example of the institute's success is the business incubator in Marion County. In 2002, a group of students did a successful feasibility study, followed by another group of students completing a business plan for the project in 2003. The recommendations were followed, and a location for the incubator has been selected and a director is in place.

"We want local people to approach us and take advantage of our services," said Aniello. For more information, call 843-661-1112.

Sellers leaves post as alumni director

After 12 years as Francis Marion University's director of alumni affairs, Kelly Sellers has left FMU to pursue a career in teaching.

Sellers was hired as a student worker in the development and public relations office on her first day as a freshman at FMU. When she graduated with a B.B.A. degree in 1992, she was hired as the development office coordinator. She became alumni director in August 1993.

Sellers, 35, recently earned a second degree from FMU, an M.A.T. in learning disabilities. She said she was thankful for the help of the employee tuition assistance program, which allows FMU employees to take one class per semester free of charge.

After completing her student teaching

in the fall, she will begin work in January as a teacher in Dillon School District 3 in her hometown of Latta.

Sellers has always wanted to be a teacher, and decided that "it's time to pursue my dream of many years ago."

The move is a bittersweet one though. "Because FMU has been so good to me, this was the toughest decision I've ever had to make in my life," Sellers said. "It's kind of like leaving your family."

"Kelly is a remarkable person," said Libby Cooper, FMU's director of community relations. "Her 'can do' attitude, initiative, and resourcefulness have had such a positive impact on our alumni relations program. During her tenure as alumni director, she formed and established an alumni advisory board and an active Student Alumni Association, implemented area alumni councils, promoted



Kelly Sellers with sons, Matt and Sam, at an FMU event.

travel opportunities, transformed the alumni data base, planned numerous events to engage our graduates in the life of the university, and the list goes on and on. Moreover, she is one of the finest individuals I have ever known. We wish her well as she begins this new season in her life but she will be greatly missed."



McKay named executive director of NESA

Jeffrey D. McKay of Statesville, N.C., has been named the executive director of the North East Strategic Alliance (NESA) in South Carolina.

NESA was formed in 2000 to promote the joint development of the historic Pee Dee and Waccamaw regions of South Carolina. The alliance promotes public and private partnerships in coordinating, planning and sharing resources from Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro and Williamsburg counties.

McKay was chosen by a NESA search committee made up of Sens. Yancey McGill of Kingstree and Hugh Leatherman of Florence, Rep. Billy Witherspoon of Conway, FMU President Fred Carter and Douglas P. Wendel, president of Burroughs & Chapin.

McKay comes to this position with nearly 20 years of experience in economic development in several North Carolina settings from the county to the state level. His background includes developing commercial sites for investment by businesses to recruitment of new industry for relocation.

"Jeff McKay is a top-notch economic development practitioner," said McGill. "He brings a wealth of experience to this position that is critical in our efforts to bring together the many cultural, historical, political, financial, industrial, agricultural, transportation and tourism interests of the 10-county NESA region."

Leatherman also praised the selection of McKay, "He is a wonderful fit for NESA. He is committed to regionalism. He believes that it makes sense financially and practically for the counties in this northeast quadrant to work together for the common good of the region."

Carter, who was instrumental in forming NESA, along with Coastal Carolina University President Ron Ingle, said, "McKay has extensive economic development experience that focuses on rural regions." Carter also said McKay has "a network of contacts with site consultants and within the industrial ranks."

"Jeff McKay is well-known and highly respected in his field and has been responsible for creating new jobs," said Wendel. "He comes to us with high marks

for marketing, relationshipbuilding and deal closing. His experience as a county economic development director will be invaluable to NESA's efforts of assisting



and coordinating these efforts of the 10county area."

McKay has been executive director of the Greater Statesville Development Corp. since 1992. From 1990 to 1992, McKay was economic development representative and assistant director of client services for the North Carolina Department of Economic and Community Development. From 1989 to 1990, he was executive director of Stokes County (N.C.) Economic Development Commission. Two years prior to that, he was executive director of Polk County (N.C.) Economic Development Commission.

Sellers, Austin named FMU's Outstanding Employees

Carlton Sellers of Effingham and Carolyn Austin of Florence have been

named outstanding staff employees of the year at Francis Marion University.

The awards were presented during the staff awards luncheon in July. Also honored were 12 FMU employees for length of state service and five



Sellers

employees who are retiring.

Sellers is supervisor of groundskeeping with the physical plant, and Austin was administrative assistant in the School of Business until her retirement in May.

Sellers has been employed at FMU for 25 years, and Austin had 18 years of service at FMU. Both were cited for their dedication to their jobs and for service

above and beyond the call of duty.

President Carter presented Sellers and Austin with plaques and \$1,000 checks in recognition of winning this annual award for FMU employees.

Six employees were honored for 20 years of service. They were: Richard J. Floyd of Quinby, craftsman supervisor, plumbing; Kathy C. Johnson of Florence, senior administrative associate in community relations; Dorothy E. King of Florence, chief cook in dining services; Nick McKithen of Timmonsville, motor pool supervisor; Ted Nettles of Florence, lead custodian; and Benita Y. Woodbury of Latta, senior administrative assistant in student life.

Employees recognized with 10 years of service were: Murray Hartzler of Florence, director of athletics; Violet L. Lloyd of Florence, lead custodian; H. Elizabeth McLean of Clio, registrar; Benjamin A. Strickland of Nichols, craftsman, electrician; Marcella Y. Turner of Effingham, senior library technical assistant in



Austin

acquisitions, Rogers Library; and Ann M. Williams of Hemingway, student services counselor in the Registrar's Office.

Retirement awards were also presented to Austin, Rebecca Lunn of Timmonsville,

coordinator of provisional programs, 29 years of state service; Julia Reede of Florence, police corporal, 17 years of service; Pamela Saverance of Timmonsville, administrative associate, School of Business, six years of service; and Janie Mae Sims of Florence, custodian, 16 years of service.



Theatre Arts program reaccredited by NAST

The Francis Marion University Theatre Arts program has been reaccredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST).

NAST, founded in 1969, is an organization of schools, conservatories, colleges and universities. It has approximately 135 accredited institutional members. It establishes national standards for undergraduate and graduate degrees and other credentials.

FMU's program, established in 1991, is a four-year Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre Arts (Design, Performance). NAST first accredited FMU's program in 1997. The reaccreditation will be in force for 10 years.

The reaccreditation process consisted of a self-study by the theatre program, a site visit by NAST, and a vote by the NAST Commission to grant reaccreditation. The site team reviewed both the academic and theatre components of the program.

According to Lawrence P. Anderson,

chair of FMU's Department of Fine Arts, national accreditation gives FMU students majoring in theatre performance or theatrical design easier access to the best graduate and professional programs. "Accreditation by NAST shows that we uphold recognized professional standards," he said. FMU currently has about 40 theatre majors.

Anderson praised the theatre faculty – Keith Best, Robert Brooks, Glen Gourley, David Granath, and Abigail Wurster – for their contributions to the reaccreditation process.

"I want to commend the theatre program faculty and Professor Anderson for their hard work in bringing about the successful reaccreditation of the FMU theatre program," said FMU Provost Richard Chapman. "The continuation of NAST accreditation is a tribute to the quality of the theatre program at Francis Marion University."

NAST accreditation is the highest level of accreditation a theatre arts



Two students perform in the play "Red Herring."

program can receive. FMU is one of only four institutions in South Carolina to have NAST accreditation.

The University Theatre will present FMU professor Jon Tuttle's "The Hammerstone" Feb. 23-25 and Christopher Durang's "The Actor's Nightmare" April 13-15.

Francis Marion Trail Commission names chairman



Display of proposed S.C. historic trails.

The Francis Marion Trail Commission held its first meeting at Francis Marion University, Sept. 1.

Florence attorney Ben Zeigler was named chairman of the Francis Marion Trail Commission during the group's inaugural organizational meeting.

The South Carolina General Assembly passed a bill creating a commission for the purpose of establishing a heritage trail

across the Pee Dee and Lowcountry in honor of Gen. Francis Marion of Revolutionary War fame. Zeigler developed the concept for the trail and helped spearhead the legislative effort.

A native of Florence, Zeigler is a partner with Haynsworth, Sinkler, Boyd law firm with offices in Greenville and Florence. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of the South in 1992, a master's from Oxford University in 1994, and a law degree from Harvard University in 1997.

The commission will work to establish a Francis Marion Heritage and Tourism Trail that would be the first of its kind for the Pee Dee. The commission is authorized to solicit and raise funds for the trail from public and private sources, and in coordination with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, to designate the location and route of the trail to be included in the department's State Trail System.

There are seven members of the com-

mission: Fred Carter, president of Francis Marion University; George Estes of Columbia, representing Parks, Recreation and Tourism; Kitty Mescher of Pinopolis, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; Mark Buyck III of



Zeigler

Florence, appointed by the Speaker of the House; Zeigler, appointed by the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; Bill Chandler of Hemingway, appointed by the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; and one member yet to be appointed by the governor. Commissioners will serve four-year terms.

The commission reviewed a draft of bylaws and discussed statutory responsibilities, establishing an advisory committee, staffing and developing a master plan for the trail.



FMU selected as HP technology grant recipient

Francis Marion University was selected as one of 31 two- and four-year colleges and universities nationwide to receive the 2005 HP Technology for Teaching grant, which is designed to transform and improve learning in the classroom through innovative uses of technology. The Department of Biology at FMU will receive an award package of HP products and a faculty stipend valued at more than \$74,000.

FMU will use HP wireless technology and computers to enhance student learning in introductory biology labs. "This educational technology has great potential to improve our students' computer-based and written communication skills," said principal investigator Greg Pryor, an assistant professor of biology at FMU. "It will also provide them with advanced analytical techniques, enhance their critical thinking skills, and encourage their participation in exciting laboratory experiments."

"I want to commend Dr. Pryor and his colleagues in the Department of Biology for their successful grant application," said FMU provost Richard Chapman. "Funds from this HP grant will benefit our students by enhancing classroom instruction and improving student learning."

The 2005 HP Technology for Teaching grant program is awarding grants totaling \$8.5 million to 174 kindergarten through 12th grade public schools and 31 two- and four-year colleges and universities in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. HP has committed \$25 million to the three-year program, which supports HP's broader education

goal of transforming teaching and learning through the integration of technology. More than 400 schools worldwide have received grants since the program's inception last year.

"Technology has the power to positively transform the learning process for both educators and students," said Bess Stephens, vice president of philanthropy and education for HP. "By integrating technology into their teaching, educators can engage students in new and innovative ways to increase achievement, and ultimately to prepare them for greater success in the classroom and beyond."

More information about the 2005 HP Technology for Teaching program and grant recipients is available at www. hp.com/go/hpteach.

FMU students give school supplies to local children

A group of Francis Marion University business students recently teamed up with the Boys & Girls Club to give school supplies to local children in need.

FMU "Tools for School" was a service-learning project that is part of the Summer II Business 150 class taught by Mary R. Dittman, instructor of marketing at FMU. All money received was used to purchase school supplies for local children. The supplies were given to the children during the Florence County Boys & Girls Club's National Kids Day celebration.

"The key to lowering unemployment, increasing our region's prosperity, and improving everyone's quality of life is education," said Dittman. "For a lot of children, back-to-school is an exciting time - new notebooks, new pencils and pens, a fresh pack of paper. But many children in Florence County begin the school year without those basic supplies. Our Business 150 class is addressing that need."

"We've been going into the community asking for donations - not just monetary, but also the school supplies," said Jeremiah Glover, a Business 150

student and mass communications major. "We're even chipping in ourselves and buying school supplies with our own money. We're committed to making a difference and we hope the Florence community wants to help."

Several area businesses contributed financially while others donated pens, paper, computer diskettes, and notepads.

"The great thing about this project is that even \$10 goes a long way," said Dittman. "The old adage, 'one man's trash

is another man's treasure' also applies here. We've received donations of outdated pens, for example, where a company is changing its logo or has moved to a new location. Rather than throwing those pens and pencils away, they can be used by children at school."

"It's a great feeling to be helping kids," said Cheska Therrell, a member



Professor Mary Dittman (front, second from right) and her business class collected school supplies for local students.

of the Business 150 class. "There are only eight of us, but it's really rewarding to know that local children are going to have what they need to start the school year off right. I used to think one person couldn't make a difference, but now I see that even a 'starving college student' can impact a life and a community immediately."



FMU named one of "Best 237 Business Schools" by Princeton Review

Francis Marion University is one of the nation's most outstanding business schools, according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company profiles FMU in the new 2006 edition of its "Best 237 Business Schools."

The two-page profiles in "Best 237 Business Schools" have sections on the school's academics, student life, admissions and career/placement programs. The profiles also have ratings on the school's academics, admissions selectivity and career programs.

In the profile on FMU, the book's editors describe the school as having a convenient MBA program that is scheduled in the evening to accommodate working students. They quote from students attending it who say that the

convenience and low cost of the program are strong positives. Students also agreed that FMU's MBA program offers solid preparation in teamwork, presentation skills, and quantitative skills.

The book's ranking lists of top 10 schools in 11 categories are based on institutional data from the schools and on surveys of 16,000 students attending the 237 schools profiled in the book. The survey asked students more than 50 questions about themselves, their career plans, and their schools' academics, student body and campus life. Conducted during the 2004-05 and 2003-04 academic years, the surveys were done primarily online. The book's ranking lists are posted at www.PrincetonReview.com.

Only business schools that permitted The Princeton Review to survey their

students were considered for 10 of the book's ranking lists that incorporate or are based wholly on student answers to survey questions. Among them are lists for "Best Overall Academic Experience," "Best Professors," and "Best Career Prospects." All business schools profiled in the book were considered for the list "Toughest to Get Into," which is based solely on institutional data.

"Best 237 Business Schools" is one of more than 200 Princeton Review books published by Random House. The Princeton Review is known for its graduate school and college admission services, test-prep courses, books and education services. It is not affiliated with Princeton University.

FMU chemistry professors, students, conduct research

Francis Marion University chemistry professors LeRoy "Pete" Peterson and Ken Williams and their chemistry students are currently conducting research on the synthesis and characterization of new crystalline materials.

The research is funded through a \$270,000 grant from the National Science Foundation's Research in Undergraduate Institutions Initiative. Now in its third year at FMU, the program seeks to engage undergraduate students in a cuttingedge chemical research experience.

In collaboration with chemistry professor Hanno zur Loye at the University of South Carolina, Peterson and Williams are helping prepare a diverse group of students for future careers in science and technology. They also hope to discover new solid-state materials that may find useful applications in our technology-driven society. Some of these applications may involve hydrogen storage for use in fuel cells, chemical separations, chemical catalysis, and nonlinear optics.

Students are trained in many aspects of research, from doing the work and analyzing results to publishing and presenting their work. While most of the work is conducted at FMU, they frequently travel

to USC to access major researchgrade equipment that is not available on the FMU campus.

The students begin the program in the summer, earn a research stipend of \$4,000, and are encouraged t

are encouraged to continue their work during the academic year. So far, 11 undergraduate students have participated in the project. Each student works on a specific project.

Will Perkins, a senior from Florence who has been accepted to medical school, said the program gives him an advantage over his peers. "Having gone through this research and having a paper published gives me a competitive edge in applying and getting accepted to medical school," he said.

Williams and Peterson said the benefits of the project reach beyond the classroom.

"This is an excellent project for our students, since it combines many differ-



Peterson

ent areas of chemistry, and has great potential for the discovery of new materials," said Williams.

Peterson, a graduate of Florence's Wilson High School and FMU, agrees. "This research helps allow our chemistry majors to become creative problem-solvers, and

affords them the opportunity to apply and extend on what they learn in the classroom," said Peterson. "It also helps me as a chemist stay current in my field, and that kind of thing invigorates my classroom teaching."

The research has already resulted in four student poster presentations and three peer reviewed publications, with more on the way. Peterson presented some of this work on Oct. 27 at the FMU science colloquium.

Peterson and Perkins will also go to Memphis, Tenn., in November to present some of the group's findings at a regional meeting sponsored by the American Chemical Society.

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Wages named vice president of administration

Charlene Wages of Florence, a distinguished teacher and former chairman of the Francis Marion University faculty, has been named vice president of administration at the university.

Wages will supervise human resources, administrative and academic computing, institutional research and planning. She replaces Gary W. Hanson who died in May.

"I am elated that Charlene has accepted our offer to join the university's administration," said FMU President Fred Carter. "Charlene brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to this position, and she has my absolute confidence and trust.

"She's excelled at every job that she's undertaken at this institution, and she will perform extraordinarily well as vice president of administration."

Wages will maintain her rank as a professor of psychology and teach one course each semester.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Wages has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1986. A four-time chair of the faculty, she currently heads up the university's study for reaccreditation by the Southern

Association of Colleges and Schools.

In 2003, she was appointed by Gov. Mark Sanford to the Advisory Committee to Study the Goals of the Commission on Women. The commission, established in 1971, advises the governor on matters related to the needs of women in South Carolina.

In 2004, Wages was selected FMU's first recipient of the Hugh K. Leatherman Chair in Public Service for an initial five-year term.

She earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Georgia and master's and doctoral degrees at Georgia State University. Wages also has taught at Georgia State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morris Brown College and Spelman College. She was awarded an honorary doctorate in humanities from FMU in 2004.

Active in faculty governance since her arrival at FMU, Wages was elected chair of the faculty in 2000 and was re-elected for four straight years, stepping down from that post in 2004. She was presented the shared governance award in 2001 by FMU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

That same year, she also received the FMU Faculty Service Award.

A charter member of FMU's chapter of AAUP, she is serving a three-year term on that organization's National Committee on Governance. She also is a member of the American



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Psychological Society, Phi Kappa Phi, the S.C. Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience and the S.C. Psychological Association. In 2005, she was elected to a three-year term on the executive board of S.C. Women in Higher Education.

She has been a board member of the Pee Dee Alzheimer's Coalition, president of the Florence League of Women Voters and on the nominating committee for the S.C. League of Women Voters. She has served on the Florence County United Way Agency Allocations and Review Committee and on the Florence Task Force on Recycling and Waste Management.

Newhouse is director of career development office

Dollie Newhouse has been appointed director of career development at Francis Marion University.

Newhouse will manage the university's programs that help prepare students for the job search process.



Newhouse

She also will be responsible for reaching out to business and industry across South Carolina to promote FMU students and alumni who are looking for work.

"As the university continues to grow and we produce more graduates, it is critical that we meet the demands of business and industry as they seek qualified applicants," said Joseph Heyward, vice president for student affairs.

"Ms. Newhouse will help us sell FMU graduates to prospective employers," he said. "We also want more of those employers to come to the campus to hire our students."

The career development office provides career guidance programs for students, teaching them how to research employers and develop the skills and tools needed for a successful job search, including creating the resume and preparing for the interview. The office also works with recruiters from business and industry, public schools and other government agencies who hire students for work.

While the office primarily serves currently enrolled students, its services are

also available to FMU alumni.

Other members of the Career Development staff are Lisa Woodham, career counselor, and Janice Smith, administrative assistant.

A native of Keyser, W.Va., Newhouse earned a bachelor's degree in English from West Virginia University in 1997 and a master's in English in 2002 from the University of South Carolina.

She has taught at USC, Coker College, Central Carolina Technical College and Francis Marion University. Her specialty is 20th century American literature.

Her experience in the business world includes management of a full-service restaurant, serving as an instructor with Sylvan Learning Center and management of an engineering field office for a liquid purification plant in Illinois.

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Tuttle play wins national award

"Holy Ghost," a play by Francis Marion University English professor Jon Tuttle, recently won the Nathan Miller History Play Contest.



The contest was sponsored by the Sprenger/Lang Foun-

Tuttle

dation. A staged reading of the play was performed on June 6 by Tribute Productions, an Equity (professional) company, at the Atlas Performing Arts Center in Washington, D.C.

The Nathan Miller History Play contest is meant to "elucidate a significant event or era in American history." More than 60 plays were submitted on a wide range of topics, from the pre-Revolutionary War period to the 20th century.

The play was also one of five national finalists from more than 160 submissions for the Next Generation Playwriting Contest, and received a staged reading by Reverie Productions in New York City, May 10.

"Holy Ghost" was performed in August at Trustus Theatre in Columbia, where Tuttle is playwright-in-residence.

"Holy Ghost" imagines a prison camp in South Carolina's low country in 1944. It imagines an escape by a prisoner who knows no English except the lines he's learned playing the lead in a camp production of "Abe Lincoln in Illinois." It imagines a pursuer – a black guard – who finds his own country even less familiar and accommodating than does the "enemy" he pursues.

The play was inspired by an article in *The State* newspaper several years ago about German POWs held in South Carolina camps during World War II.

"It was fascinating, and something I'd never heard about before," said Tuttle. "As I read, I was struck by certain ironies: one was that white de facto 'slaves' worked in cotton fields guarded by black 'overseers.' Another – a magnificent reversal of the Fugitive Slave Act – was that on occasion black guards chased escaped white prisoners across the South."

16 faculty members receive state service awards

Sixteen Francis Marion University faculty members received state service awards at an annual faculty breakfast on Aug. 23.

Receiving 10-year service awards were: Jeffrey D. Camper, biology; Jane E. Gower, mathematics; Samuel H. Howell, art; and Tammy H. Pawloski, education.

Receiving 20-year service awards were: Robert T. Barrett, business; Samuel F. Broughton, psychology; Kay W. Lawrimore, business; George E. Schnibben, mathematics; and Donald W. Stewart, mass communication.

Receiving 30-year service awards were: Richard C. Brunk, sociology; Emily Lorraine de Montluzin, history; Leslie E. Figa, education; Clarence P. Huggins, English; Eileen L. Kirley-Tallon, political science; Larry E. Nelson, history; and James T. Ramey, mathematics.

Service awards were presented to those reaching their service milestone between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005.

FMU announces tenure & promotion of faculty

Officials at Francis Marion University have announced tenure and promotion of faculty members for the 2005-06 academic year.

Receiving promotions to professor are: A. Glen Gourley Jr., theatre arts and speech; Kenneth D. Kitts, political science; Christopher D. Johnson, English; Robert E. Pugh, business administration; and Gabriele M. Theuner, marketing.

Receiving promotions to associate professor are: Vernon W. Bauer, biology; Scott S. Brown, geography; D. Allen Clabo, chemistry; Lisa A. Eargle, sociology; Derek W. Jokisch, physics; V. Scott Kaufman, history; Sue B. Orr, music; William H. Richardson, mathematics; and Elizabeth A. Zahnd, French.

Receiving promotions to assistant professor are: John M. Summer and Cynthia A. Price, both of Rogers Library.

Earning tenure are: Bauer, Brown, Jokisch, Kaufman, Theuner, and Zahnd, as well as Robert C. Bridger, psychology, and Timothy E. Shannon, biology.

McWayne's cancer research published

Janis McWayne, assistant professor of health education at Francis Marion University, had her research published in the Aug. 1 issue of "Cancer," a journal of the American Cancer Society.



McWayne

McWayne's article, "Psycho-

logic and Social Sequelae of Secondary Lymphedema," is associated with a research study she is working on at the South Carolina Cancer Center in Columbia (SCCC).

McWayne collaborates with breast cancer researchers and epidemiologists at the Medical University of South Carolina and SCCC. She began by studying the psychosocial impacts of breast cancer treatment and became interested in the seemingly high incidence of Secondary Lymphedema (SLE) in South Carolina compared with other states. SLE is a swelling caused by lymph accumulating in the tissues.

Her research found that SLE negatively impacts psychological and social health. The psychological impact included frustration, distress, depression and anxiety, resulting in a lower quality of life. The findings are significant because SLE is under-recognized and under-researched. Many women develop SLE because they are not informed that they are at risk.

McWayne is also a co-investigator on a four-year, \$1.5 million National Institutes of Health-funded study regarding the delivery of interventions to breast cancer patients in rural South Carolina.

She joined the FMU faculty in 2003. She earned the B.A. degree in psychology from the University of Colorado, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in health promotion and education from the University of South Carolina.

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Political science professor publishes book

Kenneth Kitts, associate provost and political science professor at Francis Marion University, has published a book about blueribbon investigations of national security issues.

The book, "Presidential Commissions and National Security: The Politics of Damage Control," is published by Lynne Rienner Publishers of Boulder, Colo.



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According to the publisher, "the book offers entry into the highly political, behind-closed-doors world of blue-ribbon investigative commissions convened in the aftermath of national security crises. Ranging from Pearl Harbor to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Kitts takes the reader into the backroom to watch as presidents, their advisers, and commission members confront an armory of pressures. With rich detail and accounts of political intrigue, he reveals just how and when presidents reach for the blue-ribbon option to try to defuse crises, deflect criticism, and maintain control of national security policy — and how presidential expectations are sometimes unmet, as commissions issue damning reports with unforeseen and explosive consequences."

Kitts, a native of Waynesville, N.C., earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees in political science from Appalachian State University, and the Ph.D. degree in political science from the University of South Carolina. He joined the FMU faculty in 1987 and was the university's Distinguished Professor for 2002-03.

The 210-page book sells for \$49.95 and is scheduled to be released in January. It can be ordered at www.rienner.com as well as through online retailers such as amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

Hester to direct Center for the Child

Psychology professor John R. Hester has been named director of FMU's Center for the Child.

Hester will also remain as chair of the FMU Department of Psychology, a position he has held since 1999.

Earlier this year, the university obtained a \$2 million appropriation from the legislature to build the Center for the Child. This center will be a child development and evaluation clinic to train professionals and provide direct service to children and



Hester

their families. The center will include a child study lab that will provide state-of-the-art day care for children and their families. Construction of the center is expected to begin in the summer of 2006.

Hester, a native of Greenville, earned the B.A. degree in psychology from Clemson University and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in school psychology from the University of South

Thayer named chairman of sociology department

Joel Thayer has been named chairman of the Francis Marion University Department of Sociology.

Thayer is the Joan and Garry Gladstone Professor of Sociology and coordinator of the sociology, anthropology and criminal justice programs at FMU.

He earned the B.A. degree in sociology from Stetson University, and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in sociology from Florida State University.

Prior to joining the FMU faculty in 1979, the Galion, Ohio, native taught at the University of Thayer Richmond and the University of North Alabama. Thayer regularly presents research papers and teaches workshops and has served on numerous faculty committees.

His professional affiliations include the Mid-South Sociological Association, the Southern Sociological Society, the American Sociological Association, and the National Council on Family Relations. He also currently serves as president of the South Carolina Sociological Association.

"I am delighted that the sociology faculty recommended Dr. Joel Thayer to be the chair of the new Department of Sociology," said FMU provost Richard Chapman. "Dr. Thayer is a distinguished member of the faculty who served for several years as coordinator of the sociology program. He will do a fine job as department chair."

In September, the FMU Department of Psychology and Sociology split into two separate departments, by a vote of both the sociology and psychology faculties. The two departments worked well together, but the sociology program has developed to the point that it made sense to establish a separate department, Chapman said.

Carolina. He is a nationally certified school psychologist and has worked in private practice, consulting with individual clients and area school districts, for more than 20 years. Prior to joining the FMU faculty in 1980, he worked as a school psychologist in Richland School District 2. He also worked as a school psychology intern in the Fairfield County, Richland 1 and Lexington 2 school districts.

"John Hester's expertise in school psychology makes him an ideal choice to head the Center for the Child," said FMU president Fred Carter. "His years of experience working with children will be a tremendous asset in this important position."

Hester has presented numerous professional papers and has several publications. He has also served on a number of academic committees at FMU. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Psychological Society, the National Association of School Psychologists, the South Carolina Association of School Psychologists, the Southeastern Psychological Association, and the Association of Heads of Departments in Psychology.

Hester and his wife, Patricia, reside in Marion. They have three children: Zachary, Rachel and Brett.

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Sparrow, Yahnis elected to Foundation Board

Samuel F. Sparrow of Scranton and Byron C. Yahnis of Florence have been elected to the Francis Marion University Foundation Board.

Each will serve a three-year term. William H. "Bill" Johnson Jr. of Marion has left the board after nine years of service.

Sparrow, a 1983 graduate of FMU, is the secretary/treasurer of Sparrow and Kennedy Tractor Co. Inc. in Scranton, general manager of Holiday Inn Express in Lake City, and a partner in Sparrow Accounting Service of Lake City.

He is a director of Carolina Academy, and director of Lake City American Legion Baseball. He is also a member of the National Association of Enrolled Agents and the Lake City United Methodist Church.

Sparrow and his wife, Claudia, have three children: Matthew, 20, Amanda, 17, and Samantha, 12.

Yahnis is the president of The Yahnis Co. of Florence, Columbia and Myrtle Beach. He is a member of the National Beer Wholesaler Association and the South Carolina Beer Association.

Yahnis and his wife, Gay, have two children: Charles, 15, and Nicole, 9.

"Sammy and Byron have demonstrated a commitment to their local communities and to FMU for years," said Jay Dowd, executive director of the FMU Foundation. "They will be a great asset to the FMU Foundation Board, and we are most appreciative of their willingness to serve. We are also grateful for Bill's nine years of dedicated service to the board."

The Francis Marion University Foundation was organized in 1974 to provide a means for soliciting and accepting substantial gifts of money or property in order to build an endowment fund that would promote the educational purpose and welfare of FMU.

The FMU Foundation is governed by an independent 35-member volunteer board of directors, with additional honorary and ex-officio directors, including the president of the university and other key administrators.



Sixteen FMU students were named Pee Dee Electric Cooperative Scholars for the 2005-06 academic year. Pictured are those attending a reception in their honor. Listed in alphabetical order: Stephanie Barwick, Stephanie Bridgman, Breezi Hill, Jessica Joint, Stephen Lewis, Cellica Martin, Kerri Smith, James Edward Stokes and Amy Talbert.

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Kirby Scholarship

The Kirby Scholarship has been established by Dr. John Kirby, superintendent of Dillon School District 3 in Latta.

Kirby and his wife, Vicki, each received a B.S. degree from FMU in 1972. Each also went on to receive M.Ed. degrees from Francis Marion – John in 1979 and Vicki in 1982. Their son, Michael, is also an FMU graduate.

"Our time at Francis Marion University greatly influenced our lives and careers," said John. "We want to give something back to the university and to students who are also pursuing education as a profession."

The scholarship will be permanently endowed initially in the amount of \$30,000 with plans to increase it in the future. This new scholarship replaces the John and Vicki Kirby Teacher Scholarship, which was founded in 1998 and provided two annual \$500 awards.

The Kirby Scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior in the teacher education program. The recipient must be a graduate of Latta High School. If no Latta High School graduate is eligible, then the recipient can be any qualifying graduate of any South Carolina public high school. The recipient must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher. Financial need will be considered, and the award may be renewed from the junior to the senior year.

NBSC Scholarship

The National Bank of South Carolina has established a permanently endowed scholarship of \$25,000 to recognize and assist outstanding undergraduate students.

The recipient of the scholarship must be a South Carolina resident and must



Dr. Carter receives a check from NBSC's Sara Fisher and Tyler Hudson, while FMU Foundation's Jay Dowd looks on.

demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to a student who has a major concentration in business. The recipient is eligible for repeat awards, provided all qualifications are met.

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Palmetto Brick scholarship

The Palmetto Brick Co. has established an endowed scholarship to assist outstanding students from Chesterfield and Marlboro counties at Francis Marion University.

The Palmetto Brick Co. Scholarship will be endowed in the amount of \$25,000.

The recipient of the scholarship must be a resident of Chesterfield or Marlboro counties, with preference given to employees or children of employees of Palmetto Brick. If there is not a student meeting this criterion, second preference will be given to a student from the Pee Dee area.

The recipient must be an academically promising freshman or an upper classman with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher. The recipient must also demonstrate financial need.

"Francis Marion University is the main cog in the Pee Dee as far as creating growth," said Andy Rogers, vice president of marketing for Palmetto Brick. "The scholarship gives us a chance to reward students from our area who may be struggling financially."

"Support from fine corporate citizens like Palmetto Brick is vitally important to Francis Marion University," said FMU president Fred Carter. "This generous gift will enable deserving local students to remain in the Pee Dee to pursue their higher education."

education."
Palmetto Brick was founded in 1919
by J.L. Anderson of Cheraw. Now, third
and fourth generations of his family are
involved in the ownership and daily operations of the company. Palmetto Brick is the
largest family-owned brick maker in South
Carolina.



FMU president Fred Carter, left, and executive director of the FMU Foundation Jay Dowd, right, present Andy Rogers, vice president of marketing for Palmetto Brick, with a framed picture of Francis Marion.

The company is based in Wallace, with branches in Florence and Myrtle Beach, as well as Monroe and Wilmington, N.C.

More information about the company can be found at www.palmettobrick.com.

First Reliance Bank Scholarship

First Reliance Bank has established a permanently endowed scholarship of \$25,000 to recognize and assist outstanding students who are pursuing a degree in business.

The recipient must be a business or finance major. First preference is given to an employee or child of an employee of First Reliance Bank; second preference is given to a graduate of Florence Christian School; and third preference is given to a member of an FMU intercollegiate athletic team.

The recipient must have a 3.5 grade point average and be a resident of the Pee Dee area.

One of the Southeast's fastest-growing banks, First Reliance Bank serves as one of the only locally owned and operated banks in Florence. The bank was founded in 1999 by Rick Saunders, his brother Paul Saunders, and their friend Dale Porter. The bank employs more than 90 associates and is headquartered in Florence.

South Carolina Bank & Trust Scholarship

South Carolina Bank and Trust has established an annual scholarship to recognize and assist outstanding students.

The recipient must demonstrate financial need and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Preference will be given to a student who is a resident of the Pee Dee. The recipient is eligible for repeat awards, provided all qualifications are met.

South Carolina Bank and Trust is more than 70 years old and has 36 branches throughout South Carolina, including branches in Florence and Lake City. The bank's vision is to build South Carolina's "community bank," with soundness, profitability, and growth by providing the best financial services with a personal touch, and by creating mutually rewarding, long-term relationships with business and individual customers throughout the state.

ESAB Scholarship

ESAB Welding and Cutting Products Inc. of Florence has established an endowed scholarship to recognize and assist outstanding students.

The recipient must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher and demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to a student from the Pee Dee area, and the recipient is eligible for repeat awards, provided all qualifications are met.

"ESAB is pleased to support education at all levels," said Jill Heiden, North American Group Vice-President Human Resources. "We firmly believe that everyone should have the opportunity to fulfill his or her dreams of higher education. Through the establishment of the ESAB Welding and Cutting Products, Inc. Scholarship, we are confident we can help students succeed and achieve their educational goals."

Founded in 1904, ESAB Welding & Cutting Products is one of the largest and most experienced manufacturers of welding and cutting equipment and welding filler metals. ESAB's North American headquarters are located in Florence.

Sports [W]

Patriot golf and women's soccer teams move to NCAA Division I

Francis Marion University learned on Aug. 8 that the NCAA accepted its petition to move the Patriot golf and women's soccer programs from Division II affiliation to Division I.

The university received official word in a correspondence from Vanessa Fuchs, assistant director of membership services for the NCAA. With this announcement, the two programs will no longer be affiliated with the Division II Peach Belt Conference, but will compete as Division I independents. The remaining 12 sports offered at FMU will continue as members of the PBC.

"This is an important day for Francis Marion University athletics," said FMU president Fred Carter. "To compete at the Division I level of the NCAA is both a challenge and a privilege for FMU. All alumni, current students, and supporters of Patriot athletics can take pride in this announcement."

Following a two-year transition period, the women's soccer and men's golf

programs will be full Division I members, beginning with the 2007-08 seasons. During that year, the university will assess its entire athletic program, including how it has met goals, concerns, and issues. A decision will then be made as to whether to take the remaining 12 sports to Division I status.

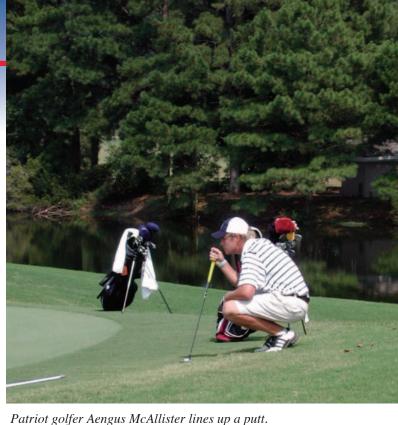
FMU athletic director Murray Hartzler called the announcement, "an exciting moment in Patriot athletic history, and one that we have been looking forward to." He added, "With this official word, now a good deal of hard work must begin. Both of these programs have been very successful at the Division II level, and we are looking to experience the same success in Division I. To accomplish this goal, we

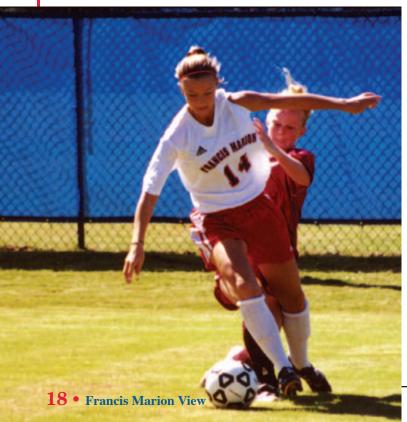
> must step up our recruiting and fundraising, improve our facilities, and enhance our entire athletic department."

The Patriot women's soccer team opened its 2005 slate with a road match at Vanderbilt University. The 2005 schedule included 10 matches against Division I opponents, including home matches against Howard University and UNC-Asheville.

The 2005-06 Patriot golf schedule includes tournaments hosted by the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Old Dominion University, Troy University, Davidson College, Furman University, and Wofford College. FMU also hosted one tournament in the fall at the Country of South Carolina and will serve as host of a Feb. 27-28 tournament at the Wexford Plantation on Hilton Head Island that will be comprised almost entirely of Division I schools.

FMU opened its doors in 1970 with an athletic program that sponsored four sports. In 1972-73, Francis Marion became a member of District Six of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The women's athletic program was under the national affiliation of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) until 1982, when that program also joined the NAIA. In 1990-91, Francis Marion joined the then newly formed Peach Belt Athletic Conference (now the PBC), and began the process of moving its national affiliation to Division II of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The school became full-fledged members of Division II in 1992.





Francis Marion's Morgan Harwood fends off an opponent.



Patriots entertain diamond alumni

More than 20 former Francis Marion University baseball players returned to take part in the program's fifth-annual "Baseball Alumni Weekend," Oct. 1-2.

The activities began with a golf tournament on Oct. 1 at the Country Club of South Carolina. Later that evening, former players dined at Redbone Alley restaurant in the Florence Mall.

On Oct. 2, returning Patriot Old Timers played a game against the 2006 FMU squad on Cormell Field. The current crop of Patriots defeated the alumni 8-2. Righty Philip Wilkins took the loss, while former catchers Kenneth Yaeger and J. Taylor drove in the two alumni runs with RBI singles.

Other alumni who participated in the weekend were: Tod Barkdoll, Travis Copeland, Vernon Dabney, Chas Dobes, David Erwin, Jason Geddings, Nolan Graham, Josh Guthrie, Todd Hewitt, Wade Jordan, Scotty Keefe, Kyle Lucas, Chris Newman, Mitch Norris, Luke Ogletree, Rodney Rogers, Bert Rollins, Phil Shantz, and Tim Ward. See photo, page 22.

Any former Patriot baseball player interested in participating in the 2006 Baseball Alumni Weekend should contact current FMU head coach Art Inabinet at 843-661-1242 or ainabinet@fmarion. edu.

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2005-2006 Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Site
Nov. 15 Tue.	at Presbyterian College	6:00	Clinton, SC
Nov. 18 Fri.	Zaxby's Patriot Clazzic	0.00	FLORENCE
11011101111	UNC Pembroke vs Fayetteville State	2:00	LONE
	Francis Marion vs Coker College	6:00	
Nov. 19 Sat.	Zaxby's Patriot Clazzic	0.00	FLORENCE
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	Francis Marion vs Fayetteville State	6:00	
Nov. 30 Wed.	USC Upstate *	5:30	FLORENCE
Dec. 3 Sat.	at Lander University *	2:00	Greenwood, SC
Dec. 5 Mon.	Wingate University	5:30	FLORENCE
Dec. 14 Wed.	Anderson College	7:30	FLORENCE
Dec. 20 Tue.	at North Carolina Central University	6:00	Durham, NC
Jan. 4 Wed.	at Armstrong Atlantic State University *	5:30	Savannah, GA
Jan. 7 Sat.	Georgia College & State University *	2:00	FLORENCE
Jan. 11 Wed.	USC Aiken *	5:30	FLORENCE
Jan. 14 Sat.	at Columbus State University *	2:00	Columbus, GA
Jan. 18 Wed.	Augusta State University *	5:30	FLORENCE
Jan. 21 Sat.	at Clayton State University *	2:00	Morrow, GA
Jan. 23 Mon.	North Georgia College & State Univ. *	5:30	FLORENCE
Jan. 25 Wed.	at USC Upstate *	5:30	Spartanburg, SC
Jan. 28 Sat.	Lander University *	2:00	FLORENCE
Feb. 1 Wed.	at North Georgia College & State Univ. *	5:30	Dahlonega, GA
Feb. 6 Mon.	UNC Pembroke *	5:30	FLORENCE
Feb. 8 Wed.	Armstrong Atlantic State University *	5:30	FLORENCE
Feb. 11 Sat.	at Georgia College & State University *	5:30	Milledgeville, GA
Feb. 15 Wed.	at USC Aiken *	5:30	Aiken, SC
Feb. 18 Sat.	Columbus State University *	2:00	FLORENCE
Feb. 20 Mon.	at UNC Pembroke *	5:30	Pembroke, NC
Feb. 22 Wed.	at Augusta State University *	5:30	Augusta, GA
Feb. 25 Sat.	Clayton State University * #	2:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 1-5	at Peach Belt Conference Tournament	TBA	Greenwood, SC

2005-2006 Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Site
Nov. 15 Tue.	at Fayetteville State University	7:30	Fayetteville, NC
Nov. 18 Fri.	Zaxby's Patriot Clazzic		FLORENCE
	Anderson College vs Fayetteville St.	4:00	
	Francis Marion vs Coker College	8:00	
Nov. 19 Sat.	Zaxby's Patriot Clazzic		FLORENCE
	Coker College vs Fayetteville State	4:00	
	Francis Marion vs Anderson College	8:00	
Nov. 22 Tue.	at Mount Olive College	7:30	Mount Olive, NC
Nov. 26 Sat.	Mars Hill College	4:00	FLORENCE
Nov. 30 Wed.	USC Upstate *	7:30	FLORENCE
Dec. 3 Sat.	at Lander University *	4:00	Greenwood, SC
Dec. 5 Mon.	Wingate University	7:30	FLORENCE
Dec. 17 Sat.	at Mars Hill College	4:00	Mars Hill, NC
Jan. 4 Wed.	at Armstrong Atlantic State University *	7:30	Savannah, GA
Jan. 7 Sat.	Georgia College & State University *	4:00	FLORENCE
Jan. 11 Wed.	USC Aiken *	7:30	FLORENCE
Jan. 14 Sat.	at Columbus State University *	4:00	Columbus, GA
Jan. 18 Wed.	Augusta State University *	7:30	FLORENCE
Jan. 21 Sat.	at Clayton State University *	4:00	Morrow, GA
Jan. 23 Mon.	North Georgia College & State Univ. *	7:30	FLORENCE
Jan. 25 Wed.	at USC Upstate *	7:30	Spartanburg, SC
Jan. 28 Sat.	Lander University *	4:00	FLORENCE
Feb. 1 Wed.	at North Georgia College & State Univ. *	7:30	Dahlonega, GA
Feb. 6 Mon.	UNC Pembroke *	7:30	FLORENCE
Feb. 8 Wed.	Armstrong Atlantic State University *	7:30	FLORENCE
Feb. 11 Sat.	at Georgia College & State University *	7:30	Milledgeville, GA
Feb. 15 Wed.	at USC Aiken *	7:30	Aiken, SC
Feb. 18 Sat.	Columbus State University *	4:00	FLORENCE
Feb. 20 Mon.	at UNC Pembroke *	7:30	Pembroke, NC
Feb. 22 Wed.	at Augusta State University *	7:30	Augusta, GA
Feb. 25 Sat.	Clayton State University * #	4:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 1-5	at Peach Belt Conference Tournament	TBA	Greenwood, SC

^{*} Peach Belt Conference game

Sports [W]

2005-06 Swamp Fox Club Campaign now under way

The Francis Marion University athletic department is in the midst of its 2005-06 Swamp Fox Club fund-raising campaign. The organization has set goals of \$125,000 and 800 members.

Recognizing the nickname of the university's namesake, the Swamp Fox

Club is the fundraising arm of the Francis Marion athletic

pro-

gram.



FMU sponsors 14 intercollegiate sports, seven each for men and women. Two of the programs, men's golf and women's soccer, recently received provisional status for NCAA Division I membership.

According to FMU athletic director Murray Hartzler, "The mission of the organization is to provide a quality college experience for student-athletes as well as scholarship support for each team, as established under NCAA guidelines. Last year, we had 639 members, and this year we are shooting for 800.

"This is a very exciting time for Patriot athletics. The reclassification of two of our programs to Division I will present additional challenges to the Swamp Fox Club."

Depending on the amount of the contribution, different membership privileges are afforded Swamp Fox Club members. Memberships are available to both individuals and businesses. All the money raised benefits every athletic team at the university.

Annually, more than 170 studentathletes receive some scholarship assistance from the athletic booster club.

For more information or to receive a Swamp Fox Club brochure, call the athletic office at 843-661-1240, or go on-line at www.fmarion.edu/sports/sfc/join_online

2006 Baseball Schedule

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	Site
Feb. 4 Sat.	at Wingate University	Noon	Wingate, N.C.
Feb. 5 Sun.	Wingate University	Noon	FLORENCE
Feb. 5 Sun.	St. Andrews Presbyterian College	3:00	FLORENCE
Feb. 8 Wed.	at St. Andrews Presbyterian College	2:00	Laurinburg, N.C.
Feb. 11 Sat.	at Belmont-Abbey College (DH)	Noon	Belmont, N.C.
Feb. 12 Sun.	at Belmont-Abbey College	1:00	Belmont, N.C.
Feb. 15 Wed.	at Wingate University	2:00	Wingate, N.C.
Feb. 17-19	Peach Belt Conference/CVAC Challenge		FLORENCE
Feb. 17 Fri.	Barton College	3:00	
Feb. 18 Sat.	Limestone College	Noon	
Feb. 19 Sun.	Coker College	6:00	
Feb. 21 Tue.	Newberry College	3:00	FLORENCE
Feb. 22 Wed.	at Barton College	2:00	Wilson, N.C.
Feb. 25 Sat.	Lander University (DH) *	1:00	FLORENCE
Feb. 26 Sun.	Lander University *	1:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 1 Wed.	at Limestone College	2:30	Gaffney, S.C.
Mar. 2 Thur.	Felician College	5:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 3 Fri.	Felician College	Noon	FLORENCE
Mar. 7 Tue.	Mount Olive College	7:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 8 Wed.	Mount Olive College	2:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 9 Thur.	at Presbyterian College	2:00	Clinton, S.C.
Mar. 11 Sat.	at Columbus State University (DH) *	1:00	Columbus, Ga.
Mar. 12 Sun.	at Columbus State University *	1:00	Columbus, Ga.
Mar. 15 Wed.	Presbyterian College	7:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 18 Sat.	at Augusta State University *	2:00	Augusta, Ga.
Mar. 19 Sun.	at Augusta State University (DH) *	Noon	Augusta, Ga.
Mar. 22 Wed.	Wingate University	7:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 24 Fri.	Georgia College & State University *	7:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 25 Sat.	Georgia College & State UNiv. (DH) *	1:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 28 Tue.	at Newberry College	6:00	Newberry, S.C.
Apr. 1 Sat.	North Georgia Coll. & St. Univ. (DH) *	1:00	FLORENCE
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Apr. 2 Sun. Apr. 6 Thur.	North Georgia College & State Univ. *	7:00	FLORENCE
	Claffin University	3:00	FLORENCE
Apr. 8 Sat.	Armstrong Atlantic State University *	1:00	FLORENCE
Apr. 12 Wod	Armstrong Atlantic State Univ. (DH) *	6:00	FLORENCE
Apr. 12 Wed.	St. Andrews Presbyterian College		
Apr. 14 Fri.	at UNC Pembroke (DH) *	1:00	Pembroke, N.C.
Apr. 15 Sat.	at UNC Pembroke *	2:00	Pembroke, N.C.
Apr. 18 Tue.	Barton College	3:00	FLORENCE
Apr. 22 Sat.	at USC Ailers (DII) *	6:30	Aiken, S.C.
Apr. 23 Sun.	at USC Aiken (DH) *	1:00	Aiken, S.C.
May 3 Wed.	USC Upstate *	3:00	FLORENCE
May 4 Thur.	USC Upstate (DH) *	1:00	FLORENCE
May 11-14	at Peach Belt Conference Tournament	TBA	Aiken, S.C.
May 18-21	NCAA II Regionals	TBA	TBA
May 27-June 3	at NCAA II World Series	TBA	Montgomery, AL

2006 Softball Schedule

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Site</u>
Anderson College (DH)	1:30	FLORENCE
at Catawba College (DH)	1:30	Salisbury, NC
at St. Andrews Presbyterian Coll. (DH)	1:00	Laurinburg, NC
at Belmont Abbey College (DH)	1:00	Belmont, NC
at Presbyterian College (DH)	1:00	Clinton, SC
at Queens University of Charlotte (DH)	2:00	Charlotte, NC
Columbus State University (DH) *	1:00	FLORENCE
Newberry College (DH)	1:00	FLORENCE
at USC Upstate (DH) *	3:00	Spartanburg, SC
at Carson-Newman College (DH)	1:00	Jefferson City, TN
at Tusculum College (DH)	1:00	Greeneville, TN
at Lander University (DH) *	2:00	Greenwood, SC
Patriot Invitational Tournament	TBA	FLORENCE +
USC Aiken (DH) *	1:00	FLORENCE
Coker College (DH)	1:00	FLORENCE
Wingate University (DH)	1:30	FLORENCE
at Georgia College & State Univ. (DH) *	1:00	Milledgeville, GA
UNC Pembroke (DH) *	1:00	FLORENCE
Pfeiffer University (DH)	1:30	FLORENCE
at North Georgia Coll. & St. Univ. (DH) *	1:00	Dahlonega, GA
at Mount Olive College (DH)	2:00	Mount Olive, NC
Augusta State University (DH) *	2:00	FLORENCE
at Armstrong Atlantic State Univ. (DH) *	1:00	Savannah, GA
at Peach Belt Conference Tournament	TBA	Aiken, SC
NCAA Division II Regionals	TBA	TBD
at NCAA Division II Nationals	TBA	Salem, VA
	Anderson College (DH) at Catawba College (DH) at St. Andrews Presbyterian Coll. (DH) at Belmont Abbey College (DH) at Presbyterian College (DH) at Presbyterian College (DH) at Queens University of Charlotte (DH) Columbus State University (DH) * Newberry College (DH) at USC Upstate (DH) * at Carson-Newman College (DH) at Tusculum College (DH) at Tusculum College (DH) at Lander University (DH) * Patriot Invitational Tournament USC Aiken (DH) * Coker College (DH) Wingate University (DH) at Georgia College & State Univ. (DH) * UNC Pembroke (DH) * Pfeiffer University (DH) at North Georgia Coll. & St. Univ. (DH) * at Mount Olive College (DH) Augusta State University (DH) * at Armstrong Atlantic State Univ. (DH) * at Peach Belt Conference Tournament NCAA Division II Regionals	Anderson College (DH) 1:30 at Catawba College (DH) 1:30 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Coll. (DH) 1:00 at Belmont Abbey College (DH) 1:00 at Presbyterian College (DH) 1:00 at Presbyterian College (DH) 1:00 at Queens University of Charlotte (DH) 2:00 Columbus State University (DH)* 1:00 at USC Upstate (DH) 3:00 at USC Upstate (DH) 1:00 at Tusculum College (DH) 1:00 at Tusculum College (DH) 1:00 at Lander University (DH)* 2:00 Patriot Invitational Tournament TBA USC Aiken (DH)* 1:00 Coker College (DH) 1:00 Wingate University (DH) 1:30 at Georgia College & State Univ. (DH)* 1:00 UNC Pembroke (DH)* 1:00 Pfeiffer University (DH) 1:30 at North Georgia Coll. & St. Univ. (DH)* 1:00 at Mount Olive College (DH) 2:00 Augusta State University (DH) 2:00 at Armstrong Atlantic State Univ. (DH)* 1:00 at Peach Belt Conference Tournament TBA NCAA Division II Regionals

^{*} Peach Belt Conference Game + at Freedom Florence Softball Complex

Men's Golf 2006 Schedule

Feb. 13-14	at Matlock Collegiate Classic (host Florida Southern College) Grasslands Golf and Country Club, Lakeland, FL
Feb. 27-28	Wexford Plantation Intercollegiate (host Francis Marion University) Wexford Plantation, Hilton Head Island, SC
Mar. 10-11	at Birkdale Intercollegiate (host Davidson College) Birkdale Golf Club, Huntersville, NC
Mar. 13-14	at 9th-annual Palmetto Intercollegiate (host USC Aiken) Palmetto Golf Club, Aiken, SC
Mar. 24-26	at 37th-annual Furman University Intercollegiate Furman University Golf Course, Greenville, SC
Apr. 3-4	at Wofford Invitational (host Wofford College) Carolina Country Club, Spartanburg, SC

2006 Men's Tennis Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	Site
Sept. 30-Oct. 3	at ITA Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament	TBA	Savannah, GA
Oct. 14-16	at USC Fall Invitational	TBA	Columbia, SC
Feb. 11 Sat.	at Coastal Carolina University	9 am	Conway, SC
Feb. 11 Sat.	vs Coker College (at CCU)	12:00	Conway, SC
Feb. 12 Sun.	USC Aiken *	1:00	FLORENCE
Feb. 19 Sun.	at Armstrong Atlantic State University *	12:00	Savannah, GA
Feb. 22 Wed.	Newberry College	2:00	FLORENCE
Feb. 25 Sat.	Lander University *	10:30 am	FLORENCE
Feb. 26 Sun.	at Barton College	1:00	Wilson, NC
Mar. 4 Sat.	at Columbus State University *	11 am	Columbus, GA
Mar. 5 Sun.	at Georgia College & State University *	11 am	Milledgeville, GA
Mar. 8 Wed.	vs Florida Southern College (at AASU)	1:00	Savannah, GA
Mar. 9 Thur.	Tusculum College	1:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 11 Sat.	Limestone College	TBA	FLORENCE
Mar. 15 Wed.	Augusta State University *	2:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 18 Sat.	at USC Upstate *	1:00	Spartanburg, SC
Mar. 19 Sun.	at Mount Olive College	1:00	Mount Olive, NC
Mar. 25 Sat.	North Georgia College & State Univ. *	10 am	FLORENCE
Mar. 2 Sun.	Anderson College	10 am	FLORENCE
Apr. 2 Sun.	at Wingate University	1:00	Wingate, NC
Apr. 13-15	Peach Belt Conference Tournament	TBA	Sumter, SC

2006 Women's Tennis Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Site</u>
Sept. 30-Oct. 3	at ITA Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament	TBA	Savannah, GA
Oct. 28-30	at USC Southern Intercollegiate Championship	os	Columbia, SC
Feb. 4 Sat.	at Erskine College	12:00	Due West, SC
Feb. 12 Sun.	USC Aiken *	1:00	FLORENCE
Feb. 18 Sat.	at Presbyterian College	11 am	Clinton, SC
Feb. 19 Sun.	at Armstrong Atlantic State University *	12:00	Savannah, GA
Feb. 22 Wed.	Newberry College	2:00	FLORENCE
Feb. 26 Sun.	at Barton College	1:00	Wilson, NC
Mar. 4 Sat.	at Columbus State University *	11 am	Columbus, GA
Mar. 5 Sun.	at Georgia College & State University *	11 am	Milledgeville, GA
Mar. 9 Thur.	Tusculum College	1:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 11 Sat.	Limestone College	TBA	FLORENCE
Mar. 15 Wed.	Augusta State University *	2:00	FLORENCE
Mar. 18 Sat.	at USC Upstate *	1:00	Spartanburg, SC
Mar. 19 Sun.	at Mount Olive College	1:00	Mount Olive, NC
Mar. 24 Fri.	University of Montevallo	3:30	FLORENCE
Mar. 25 Sat.	North Georgia College & State Univ. *	10 am	FLORENCE
Mar. 26 Sun.	Anderson College	10 am	FLORENCE
Apr. 1 Sat.	Clayton State University *	2:00	FLORENCE
Apr. 2 Sun.	at Wingate University	1:00	Wingate, NC
Apr. 6 Thur.	UNC Pembroke *	3:00	FLORENCE
Apr. 13-15	Peach Belt Conference Tournament	TBA	Sumter, SC



Hartzler named national chairman

Francis Marion University athletic director and men's soccer coach Murray Hartzler has been appointed chairman of the NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Committee, which governs the Division II men's soccer championships.

The committee is composed of eight members, one representing each of the Division II regions. He also served on the committee during the 2004-05 year.

Hartzler is in his 12th year as the head men's soccer coach at FMU, and his 22nd season as a head coach at the collegiate level. Since joining the FMU staff in the spring of 1994, Hartzler has become the winningest coach in the program's 30-year history. Including 10 years as the head coach at Hiram College (Ohio), his combined career coaching record lists more the 210 victories.

Hartzler is also in his sixth year as Francis Marion's athletic director.

Athletic Anniversaries

During Homecoming activities on Feb. 25, Francis Marion University will recognize several former athletic teams. If you were a member of the following squads, please contact sports information director Michael G. Hawkins at 843-661-1222 or mhawkins@fmarion.edu

10-year anniversary

1996 Men's Tennis NCAA II post-season play 1996 Womens Tennis NCAA II post-season play

20-year anniversary

1986 Womens Basketball NAIA National Champions 1986 Softball NAIA World Series participant

25-year anniversary

1980 Men's Cross Country NAIA District Six champions 1981 Softball AIAW World Series participant

30-year anniversary

1976 Golf

NAIA District Six champions

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Greetings Fellow Patriots!

It has only been a couple of months since the FMU Alumni Association's gavel was passed down to me by outgoing president Cathy Lee. It was a real joy to have served under her brilliant leadership, and I count it a special privilege that I will be serving the Alumni Association as president for the next couple of years. We have some of the most committed volunteers I've seen since serving on the Alumni Association's Advisory Board these past seven years. The four committees of the Board (Student Relations, Fund Raising, Events, and Public Relations) are filled by more than 24 dedicated, enthusiastic, and creative alumni. The diversity of the committees and their members is very encouraging and adds to the momentum that began after our first meeting in September. That momentum has continued with monthly meetings of all committees as they assemble their ideas and strategies for another successful year guiding and building the Alumni Association.

As many of you already know, Kelly Sellers, director of alumni affairs for 12 years, resigned Sept. 2 to complete her master's degree in early childhood education. Kelly left quite a legacy, and we expect to see her taking a prominent place alongside many of you as a volunteer very soon. We welcome her successor Brandie Hayes and we will assist her in getting established as quickly as possible.

With over 15,000 graduates, FMU has a wonderful pool of talented and generous people from which to grow and build the Alumni Association. The challenge ahead will be for us to insure that bridges are built between our graduating classes. Our successful efforts

will open communication and develop various programs through the organization and the university.

There are so many ways in which we can make a difference. There are scholarship programs we aim to fund. And, while we are at it, why not create an Alumni Association Foundation? We could fund deserving students each year as they attempt to realize their dreams and goals. We can help them obtain a quality higher education from an outstanding institution of higher learning . . . Francis Marion University.

I want to encourage each of you to become involved in some facet of the Alumni Association. While financial gifts, both large and small, are essential to our organization, your life experiences, talents, and skills are needed as well. For example, you could mentor students of the Student Alumni Association by providing them with encouragement and allowing



Young

them to shadow you in your professional office for a day. Or, you could help develop and support a regional FMU Alumni Association that would provide networking for graduates. Can you see the bridges being built?

It is going to take the efforts of many to provide the needed assistance and

support we must have in order to get the Alumni Association on a fast track of growth. Let us grow not only in numbers, but become a model of excellence that will stand as a beacon for other colleges and universities throughout South Carolina and the nation. Fellow graduates, it is my desire to take our Alumni Association to the next level. I believe our graduates are giving people and have a lot to offer. Will you make it a priority to see that Francis Marion University benefits from your loyalty, leadership, support, and gifts?

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you in this leadership role. I hope to hear from many of you as our plans unfold throughout the next couple of years.

My best to you,

Julian M. Young, Class of '76





Brandie Hayes named director of alumni affairs

Brandie Hayes has been named director of alumni affairs at Francis Marion University.

Hayes will be responsible for developing and managing an effective alumni relations program to stimulate interest, build loyalty, increase involvement, and generate support for the university.

Hayes is a 2001 graduate of FMU with a B.B.A. degree in marketing. She graduated cum laude and with University Honors. She replaces Kelly Sellers, who left to pursue a career in teaching.



Hayes

"We are very excited about Brandie joining us as the director of alumni affairs," said Libby Cooper, FMU's director of community relations. "She brings a wonderful mix of enthusiasm, energy and talent to this position and I know she will work diligently to provide new programs, information, and events to keep our graduates connected to their alma mater."

A Salters native, Hayes most recently served as director of corporate relations for the American Heart Association. Prior to that, she was a store sales manager for Gymboree Corp. She received several awards for her work in both positions.

While a student at FMU, she was a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Beta Gamma Sigma honor societies, as well as Kappa Delta sorority. She is currently a member of the Junior League of Florence.

"When I was a student at FMU, I always said I wanted to come back to my alma mater to work," said Hayes. "I am very excited to be 'coming home.' It's a dream come true."

Hayes is the daughter of Chris and Rosie Osborne of Salters. Her husband, Nick, is also an FMU graduate. The couple recently had their first child, Christopher Blane, who was born in May. The family resides in Florence.

McLeod names Lee corporate chief of staff

McLeod Health recently announced the appointment of Catherine Kunkle Lee as Corporate Chief of Staff. In this role, Lee will work closely with administration and serve as a liaison for McLeod President and Chief Executive Officer Rob Colones. She will represent the Office of the President of McLeod Health to both internal and external publics, as well as assist in the review of correspondences, documents and contracts with outside organizations.



Lee

"I am very honored and excited to return to McLeod Health. It is an organization in whose philosophy and core values I strongly believe. I hope to serve as a conduit for communication to McLeod Health employees, staff and the community we serve."

Lee previously worked with McLeod Health in marketing from 1991 until 1996. A strong advocate for patient care and customer service, Cathy began her healthcare career in Florence at Stokes Regional Eye Center. She later served as a director of marketing and admissions for Manor Care Lexington, a division of Manor Care, Inc., a national long-term care company.

In 1996, Lee joined Professional Research Consultants, Inc. (PRC) of Omaha, Nebraska, where she served for nearly nine years as vice president for customer satisfaction services.

In the Florence community, Lee is a member of the Board of Directors of the Florence Family YMCA, and is immediate past president of the Francis Marion University Alumni Association Advisory Board. She is a former member of the boards of Florence Rotary and the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault.

Lee received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Philosophy from Francis Marion University. She also earned her Master of Business Administration from the University of South Carolina.

Experts Guide posted on university website

Francis Marion University's Experts Guide is now posted on the university's website at www.fmarion.edu/news/experts

The Experts Guide is a list of Francis Marion University faculty, staff and administrators who are willing to serve as resources to the print and broadcast media. Reporters, as well as groups seeking a speaker, are invited to contact these experts.

Experts are grouped by broad subject area, with specific areas of expertise and contact information next to the expert's name. This list will be continually updated as expert availability changes.

FMU's news webpage, at www.fmarion.edu/news, also contains other resources for the public and the media, such as current and archived news releases, and FMU publications including the catalog, the View alumni magazine, and the Patriot Digest faculty and staff newsletter. University images (photos, logos) are also available on the site.

For assistance or questions about the news webpages, contact the FMU Communications Services Office at 843-661-1220.



FMU grads contribute to Nan Ya's global success

By Todd J. Hudak

Many Pee Dee area residents are not aware of the multinational corporation right in their own back yard. That company is Nan Ya Plastics Corp., which employs nearly 1,000 workers at its Lake City plant.

"We like to keep a low profile," said Robert "John" Edwards, a 1992 FMU economics graduate who is manager of Nan Ya's technical service group.



Edwards

The company, a subsidiary of Nan Ya Plastics of Taiwan, is the largest producer of polyester in the world. The polyester fibers and chips produced are used in everything from athletic wear to auto upholstery to soft drink bottles.

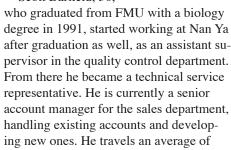
Edwards, 37, started with the company right after graduation, as a temporary worker installing equipment as the plant was being constructed. He was then promoted to a full-time position as an assistant production supervisor, and has steadily risen through the ranks to his current job, senior technical sales representative, in which he serves as a liaison between the plant and its customers. He works with developing new products and responding to customers' questions. Edwards frequently travels internationally, as his territory includes the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Central America and South America.

"When I started, I was able to learn the process, which made my progression easier," said Edwards. He added that the lessons he learned in the FMU School of Business have served him well. He particularly remembers an economics class

with professor Barry O'Brien that focused on an international perspective. "You're prepared to go to different countries and talk about your product," Edwards said.

Edwards liked studying with professor Ben Kyer as well as O'Brien. "I enjoyed their classes the most," Edwards said. "They transferred theoretical knowledge to common practice."

Scott Barfield, 36,



two to three days a week, mostly in North America.

"What I enjoy about working at Nan Ya is being part of a highly recognized international company with a sound management team," he said.



Barfield

Barfield credits FMU professors Tom Roop, Jack Breazeale, and David Peterson with preparing him for the real world. "Those three guys helped develop me there at school, and for the future," the Patrick native said. "My experience at FMU was tremendous. The social and educational aspects were great, as well as the professors and the people."



Aerial view of the Nan Ya facility.

Barfield and his wife, Michelle, also an FMU alum, have a 3-year-old son, Riley.

"I attribute my success to my Christian faith, my wife and family, and my solid education from FMU," said Barfield.

Edwards is a native of Effingham. His wife of 13 years, Elizabeth, is also an FMU graduate. The couple has two children, 19-month-old Whitney and 2month-old Thomas. The family resides in

"A lot of people who grew up around here talk about getting out of Florence, but I have seen most of the world, and Florence isn't a bad place to live," Edwards

Edwards said Nan Ya is always looking for qualified local college graduates, in fields including business, engineering, chemistry and biology. New hires from out of state often come, stay for a couple of years, and move on, whereas Pee Dee natives are more likely to stay with the company long-term. "We like local people," he said. "Nan Ya is a very big player globally and we always need good people."

FMU alumni directory to be offered

In celebration of Francis Marion University's 35th anniversary, the FMU Alumni Association has partnered with Alumni Research Inc. to publish a comprehensive directory of alumni.

The contents of the directory will be

divided into four sections: biographical, geographical, class roster, and an introductory section showcasing Francis Marion's history and events.

Efforts are being made to contact FMU alumni by phone, e-mail and mail to

obtain and verify biographical information. Alumni may provide updates for the directory and select specific information to make available to fellow alumni by visiting the Alumni Association's webpage at www.fmarion.edu/alumni.

For more information, contact the FMU Alumni Office by phone at 843-661-1228.



FMU Alumni Association elects officers

The Francis Marion University Alumni Association has chosen its executive officers for 2005-2007.

The officers are Julian Young '76, president; Stephen Jones '88, vice president; and R. Tracy Freeman '92, secretary/treasurer.

The officers were elected by the FMU Alumni Advisory Board at its quarterly meeting in April. They took office July 1 and will serve for two years.

Young is assistant director of admissions at FMU. He is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and a supporter of the Swamp Fox Club. Young has served on the Alumni Advisory Board since July 1993 as chair of the Student Relations Committee. In that capacity, he serves as the Alumni Advisory Board liaison to the Student Alumni Association. Each year,

he provides a monetary award to recognize an outstanding SAA member. He was chosen the Alumni Volunteer of the Year in 2001. Previously, Young served a secretary/treasurer of the Alumni Association.

Jones has been employed with A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in Florence since 1993 and currently serves as vice president of investments. A Florence resident, he served on the Alumni Advisory Board from 2001 to 2004. A past member of the Advisory Board's Fundraising and Nominating Committees, Jones has also represented the Alumni Association as a member of the FMU Faculty/Alumni House Committee. He is a member of the Alumni Association and a consistent contributor to FMU fundraising initiatives.

Freeman is the owner of Freeman

Builders in North Augusta. He has served as the Central Savannah River (CSR) area alumni chapter chairman and is a past member of the Alumni Advisory Board. Freeman has served as an unofficial "alumni ambassador," volunteering to host campus tours for prospective students during Open House programs and throughout the year. He has personally recruited many students for Francis Marion. Freeman travels from North Augusta to attend almost every Advisory Board meeting, Homecoming, "Move-In Day" for new freshmen, Orientation, and Open House. He is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and a supporter of the Swamp Fox Club. Freeman was presented the Alumni Association's Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award for 2002-2003.

Former student-athlete dies at age 40

David James McIntosh of Darlington died unexpectedly on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005.

McIntosh was born in Charleston on June 2, 1965, the son of Virginia Hudson McIntosh and the late Clarence D. McIntosh of Kingstree. He was a graduate of Williamsburg Academy in Kingstree and Francis Marion University (class of 1996). His hobbies included running and basketball. He owned McIntosh Custom Concrete and Construction.

He earned the most valuable player award for the FMU cross country team following the 1992 season. During that year, he became the only Patriot cross country runner to capture a Peach Belt Conference individual championship. His 8,000-meter time of 28:20 at the PBC meet also garnered him All-Conference and Peach Belt "Most Outstanding Runner" honors. He later finished 33rd out of 115 runners at the NCAA Division II South Region Meet.

His career best time (26:59) came at the 1992 Patriot Cross Country Festival. As a freshman, he earned All-District honors and was a member of the 1990 Patriot squad that won the NAIA District Six team championship and participated in the NAIA National Meet in Kenosha, Wis. He also lettered on the 1990 and 1992 Francis Marion track and field squads.

McIntosh served in the United States Army as a deep sea diver, after graduating from the U.S. Naval and Diving TrainingCenter. He was further assigned to the U.S. Army Diving Company in Fort Eustis, Va., with a tour in Panama. During his tour, he advanced to the status of Salvage Diver with the rank of Specialist E4.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Gaskins McIntosh of Darlington; his mother of Kingstree; a sister and brother-in-law, Betsy and Laruence Mudge of Clemson; two nephews, Michael and Johnathan Mudge of Clemson; his mother and father-in-law, Margie and Monroe Gaskins of Chesterfield, and a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral services, directed by Williamsburg Funeral Home of Kingstree, were held Sept. 27 in the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, with burial in Williamsburg



McIntosh

liamsburg Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, 441 N. Academy St., Kingstree, SC 29556, or to the Animal Shelter/Humane Society of your choice.

(Information from Francis Marion University and the Florence Morning News.)

Francis Marion University

We are Family



Join the FMU Family in a time of celebration. Renew friendships, visit former professors, and see what's new on the campus of FMU.



Thursday, February 23, 2006

School of Education Alumni Wine & Cheese 4:30 p.m. Reception. The Cottage

Friday, February 24, 2006

School of Business Annual Alumni Breakfast 9 a.m.

The Cottage

8 p.m. **Homecoming Step Show 2006**

> McNair Science Building Auditorium Sponsored by the FMU Office of Multicultural Affairs. Advance Tickets: \$8.00 (\$10.00 at the door) Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Precious Cristwell at 843-661-1188.

8:30 p.m. **Coffee and Dessert Reception** The Cottage



Saturday, February 25, 2006

Alumni Game - Women's Basketball 11 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Alumni Game - Men's Basketball

12:30-2 p.m. PatriotFest (Free admission)

Smith University Center Join us for an all-American cookout with all the fixins'. There will be musical entertainment and children's activities.

Noon-5 p.m. Patriot Bookstore Open

Smith University Center Take advantage of a 20% discount on selected FMU memorabilia.

1:30 p.m.-**Silent Auction**

Smith University Center Gym - North End 5 p.m.

2 p.m. Patriots vs. Clayton State College - Women's

Game (Free admission)

Special recognition of the NAIA 1986

National Champs!

3:45 p.m. **Hall of Fame Induction**

Precious Adderson and Jennifer Brabson

4 p.m. Patriots vs. Clayton State College - Men's Game

(Free admission)

6:30 p.m. Swamp Fox Club Gala featuring a Live Auction -

sponsored by FMU Athletics.

Smith University Center Commons

Spend a fabulous evening for a great cause

with the FMU Athletic Department.

Proceeds from the auction support student-

athletes and athletic programs.

Admission: Swamp Fox Club Members \$5.00;

Non-Members \$10.00



Dr. John Kirby '72, '79, superintendent of Dillon School District 3 in Latta, recently announced the establishment of the endowed Kirby Scholarship at FMU. John and his wife, Vicki '72, '82, received undergraduate and graduate degrees from FMU. Their son, Michael, also is an FMU graduate.

1973

L. Franklin Elmore has been selected for inclusion in the 2006 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Frank is co-founder of the regional Carolinas law firm, Elmore & Wall, P.A., in Greenville, where he limits his practice to construction and surety matters.

Tommy Johnson is boys' basketball coach at Socastee High School. He recently left his position as athletic director and basketball coach at Wilson High School in Florence. He was named 2005 Coach of the Year by the (Florence) Morning News.

Diane DeVaughn Stokes was featured in the May issue of Coastal Business Life magazine for her business accomplishments. Diane is co-owner of Stages Video Productions and host of "Southern Style," a TV program which airs fives days a week on Time Warner Cable. She was also recently named Volunteer of the Year by the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce.

1974

Dr. Sharon Moore Askins is assistant professor in the School of Education at Francis Marion University.

Jeanne Voltz-Loomis is director of the Child Development Ministry at First United Methodist Church in Myrtle Beach. Jeanne has two daughters, Alex, 13, and Nichols, 10.

1975

Mike Gaskin has retired from his position as deputy superintendent of Florence School District 3 in Lake City. Mike has also served as director of administration for the district, principal and assistant principal of Lake City High School, and teacher and coach at Lake City Junior High School. He and his wife Dale, also a retired educator, will enjoy their retirement in Garden City.

976

Becky Moody Williamson, girls' tennis coach at Wando High School, was named the 2004-05 S.C. Coach of the Year for her sport. She was also named the Region 7-AAAA girls' tennis Coach of the Year and was selected as co-coach for the South Team at the North vs. South Tournament.

1977

Jamie Grimsley is executive director of business development for ACS Technologies. He has been with the company since 1980. Jamie is a former member of the FMU Alumni Advisory Board. He is married with three children.

Richard Harrington is a member of the South Carolina Council on Economic Education Board of Directors. SCCEE recently hosted the Summit on Economic Literacy at FMU.

The Iraq Ministry of Interior awarded to Wattie Snowden the honorary Doctor of Law degree from the Baghdad Police College in March. Wattie is employed with the Department of Justice, International Criminal Investigative Training and Assistance Program in Baghdad.

1978

Dr. Marion Fowler was awarded the S.C. Independent School Association State Golf Coach of the Year. He guided the Carolina Academy Golf Team to the AA State Golf Championship earlier this year. Marion lives in Lake City.

1979

Hal Campbell has been named to Wachovia's Pee Dee Advisory Board. Hal is president and CEO of ACS Tehnologies in Florence.

Cindy Thibodeau is principal of Carolina Forest Middle School in Horry County. She served as the assistant principal at the school since it opened in 1997.

Gloria Dudley was recognized at the Women of Achievement Awards hosted by Girl Scouts earlier this year. Gloria is principal at Bennettsville Elementary School.

Allison Welch Moyer and her husband Mark live in Evington, Va. They have two children, Dane, 17, and Briana, 14.

1982

William J. "Billy" Heustess **Jr. '82, '89** is vice president of Carolina First Bank in Florence. He joined the bank in February. billy was previously executive vice



William Heustess Jr.

president of Mutual Savings Bank.

1984

Lyn Terry Blackmon is director of alumni relations at Coker College in Hartsville.

Eric Shore is the all-time winningest coach in the history of the Auburn University men's tennis program.

Vivian Gallman and Mike De-Rienzo were married March 26, 2005.

1986

Rebecca Smith Gaddy has been teaching for 25 years in Latta schools. She was Teacher of the Year for Dillon District 3 in 2003-04. She and her husband, Richard Dean Gaddy, have three children, Quentin, 14, Smith, 10, and Rebecca, 8. They live in Latta.

Allen Goff recently completed his International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance under the direction of the Center for International Health and Cooperation, Fordham University New York, University of Geneva in Switzerland and the Royal Council of Surgeons in Ireland. He is currently a program manager with Global Hope Network International, a humanitarian assistance agency, located just outside Geneva, Switzerland. He is responsible for the organization's humanitarian aid operations in six countries including Indonesia, Iraq and Turkmenistan. He and his wife Susan have two children, Matthew, 4, and Joshua, 2.

Reed Miller is employed with UBS, a global financial services firm, as a member of the financial advisory and wealth management team in the Augusta, Ga., office.

Dolly G. Patton is executive director of Saluda Shoals Park Foundation. She is responsible for fundraising, educational programs, and family events at the park.

1987

Catherine "Cathy" Kunkle Lee has been named Corporate Chief of Staff for McLeod Health in Florence.

1988

Craig Martin and Teresa Stanton Martin '92 announce the birth of a daughter, Ansley Craig. Craig is the owner of Craig Martin, CPA, PA, in Marion and Teresa is head of the mathematics department at Pee Dee Academy. They live in Marion.

Gloria Tucker is currently enrolled in the medical assisting program at CPCC and working part-time in the counseling department. She plans to graduate from the program in spring 2006. She lives in Charlotte, N.C.

1989

Stephen N. Jones and Frances Marie Segars were married Feb. 26, 2005. Stephen is vice president of investments at AG Edwards Investments. They live in Florence.

1990

Dorie Johansen Bermas and her husband Nelson announce the birth of twins. Aden Peter and Luke Nelson.

May 23, 2005. Dorie is president of the S.C. For-

eign



Language Teachers' Association. They live in Lexington.

U.S. Army Reserve Maj. William J. Breazeale was decorated with the Army Commendation Medal. Will is a coalition forces land component command protocol chief assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 323rd Regiment, 108th Division, Lumberton, N.C. He volunteered for a six-month deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and was selected for advanced military schooling (master's equivalent) at Command and General Staff College in Fort Dix, N.J.

Tina Jones-Barney and her husband Stanley announce the birth of a son, Daniel Anthony Barney, June 30, 2004. They live in Valrico, Fla.

Amy McDowell Strader and her husband Kevin have two daughters, Reagan, 5, and Caroline, 2 1/2. They live in Mount Pleasant.

Dawn Turner was promoted to associate commissioner for the Big South Conference. She had served as assistant commissioner and senior women administrator for the conference since 2002. She lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Stanley Carraway is Southeast regional sales manager for MortgageIT. He resigned from WaMu Fleet last year after 18 years with the company. Stanley is also co-owner of Two Guys Grille in Wrightsville Beach, N.C. He and his wife, Boo '91, live in Wilming-

Jack W. Kimbell married Tina DiFranco Hahn at The Little White Chapel in Las Vegas on June 18, 2005. They are living in St. Charles, Miss. Jack heads the Department of Physical Education at Villa Duchesne in St. Louis. Jack and Tina have three boys,



Danny, 2, Dalton, 5, and Dominic, 7, who recently made their first trip to South Carolina and the Myrtle Beach area. Jack is the son of Diane L. Kimbell '88 and Dr. James A. Kimbell Jr., FMU faculty emeritus, who became head of the Department of Business at Coker College in January.

1992

Stuart Brown and his family have relocated to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Stuart is chief financial officer of ACE Insurance Company of Puerto Rico. He and his wife, Mari, have two children, Mariana, 7, and Alexandra, 4.

Bradley Dean Burgess and Christia Lyons Burgess '92, '96, announce the birth of a son, Jacob Dean, Dec. 2, 2004.

Sylvia Jefferies has been working on the film "Walker" in Rock Hill with Jason Patric. The feature film "End of the Spear" that she shot last year in Panama and Ecuador is scheduled for nationwide release in January 2006.

Teresa Stanton Martin and Craig Martin '88 announce the birth of a daughter, Ansley Craig. Teresa is head of the mathematics department at Pee Dee Academy and Craig is owner of Craig Martin, CPA, PA, in Marion. They live in Mullins.

Lawrence Thorne guided the Byrnes School to the 2005 SCISA Class A-AA boy's soccer state championship.

1993

Susan Virginia Bryson teaches at Latta High School and was named STAR Teacher of the Year. She and her husband Jeremy have two children and they live in Marion.

John R. Clark Jr. and Lori Williams were married May 21, 2005. John is a dentist in Charleston.

Skip Crosland is an account executive in the advertisement department of WIS TV in Columbia.

Major Erik Kirchen is assigned as medical planner for the 44th Medical Command (MEDCOM) based out of Fort Bragg, N.C. He is stationed at Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq.

Neil Paul is assistant coach of the FMU men's basketball team. Neil was previously athletic coordinator for Florence County Recreation Department.

Angela Bailey Grossetti and Tom Grossetti announce the birth of twins, Mamie and Joseph, on March 7, 2005. They also have two sons, Thomas Jr. and Gunnar, and a daughter, Bailey. They live in New Brighton, Pa.

Lori Keener was named in Who's Who Among America's Teachers

2005. Her husband Rickey '97 was promoted to outside salesman with General Electric Supply in Greenville. They have three sons, Will, Zach and Drew, and live in Taylors.

Patsy Lou Lester and Terry Tracey Powers were married April 30, 2005. Patsy is a teacher at Stewart Heights Elementary School in Dillon. They live in Dillon.

Spencer Scott is co-founder and director of The Brittani Foundation, named for his daughter Brittani Schaquanna Smith-Scott who was killed in a car collision several years ago. The foundation sponsors afterschool programs for at-risk children.

Julie Bumgarner is senior systems administrator with ACS Technologies in Florence. She has been with ACS for 10 years, working in the support and research and development departments. She lives in Mullins.

Andrew Troxel Hewitt and Dondi Lyn Hammerschmidt were married June 4, 2005. Andrew is employed with Sunbelt Rentals Inc. in Charles-

ton. They live in Mount Pleasant.

.Iennifer Hutchins and her husband Greg announce the birth of a son, William David, on June 12,



William David

Susanne Holladay Reeder Hutchins and Christopher

L. Reeder '98 were married in 1998. They have three children, Emilee Grace (5), Jacob DeWitt (3) and Samuel Pressley (1). The Reeders live in Florence.

Mark and Vicki Allen announce the birth of twin girls, Kylie Rebecca and Hayley



Catherine, on May 17, 2004.

Betsy Barfield is system support specialist for McLeod Family Medicine Center. She received a McLeod Merit Award from the president of McLeod Health and the administrator of McLeod Family Medicine Center. She also received eight Caught Caring Awards from her co-workers for going above and beyond to help others.

Brandi Cook '96, '02 is an ELITE teacher at Marion High School. She recently participated in the Summit on Economic Literacy hosted by the South Carolina Council on Economic Education.

Angela Dawn Hendrix and Weldon Marshall Benton were married April 30, 2005. She is a paralegal with the law firm of Turner Padget in Florence. They live in Florence.

Sherer Gordon Hopkins directed the Clover High School girls' basketball team to a spot in the 2005 South Carolina AAA state championship game and a 22-6 record.

Eleanor Elaine Mosley of Gadsden and Cornelius Elliott Woodward of Blair were married May 21, 2005. Eleanor is employed with Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Devona Long Price and Joel Price Jr. '97 announce the birth of a son, Jackson Price, on Oct. 28, 2004. Devona is an assistant principal in Lexington and Joel is a dentist in West Columbia. They live in Lexington.

Phyllis McClure-Graham is a special education teacher at Mt.Hebron Exceptional Child Center in Jacksonville, FL, after 20 years in the healthcare professions. She and her spouse Lemar Graham '90, '95, reside in Jacksonville.

Rickey Keener and his wife Lori '94 live in Taylors with their three sons, Will, Zach and Drew. Rickey was promoted to outside salesman with General Electric Supply in Greenville. Lori was named in Who's Who Among America's Teachers

Timothy Roland Montague-Smith and Lauren Marie Whisenhunt were married April 30, 2005. He is employed by Florence Country Club. They live in Florence.

Brandy Dove Norwood and Gene Carlton Weaver Jr. were married June 4, 2005. She is a kindergarten teacher at Cain Elementary School in the Darlington County School District. They live in Darlington.

Andrew Watson Pope and Katherine Holland Carroll were married June 25, 2005. He is a doctoral candidate in public health at the University of South Carolina and is the interim state director of Communities in Schools of South Carolina. They live in

Joel Price Jr. and Devona Long Price '96 announce the birth of a son. Jackson Price, on Oct. 28, 2004. Joel is a dentist in West Columbia and Devona is an assistant principal in Lexington. They live in Lexington.

Lois Elizabeth Williams and Scott Alan Hanger were married March 26, 2005. She is an art teacher at Stuarts Draft High School in Augusta County. They live in Greenville.

1998

Christopher L. Reeder and Susanne Holladay Reeder '95 were married in 1998. They have three children, Emilee Grace (5), Jacob DeWitt (3) and Samuel Pressley (1). The Reeders live in Florence.

Cathy Greene Vimislik and her husband Patrick announce the birth of a daughter on Dec. 30, 2004. Cathy is a mathematics teacher at Porter Ridge Middle School in Union County and Patrick is employed with Bank of America. They live in Wingate, N.C.

1999

Derrah Q. Cassidy is assistant director in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at the University of South Carolina. He lives in Columbia.

2000

Kelli Denise Harrelson and Christopher Richard Dale were married June 18, 2005. She is employed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina. They live in Florence.

Lisa Johnson was selected Wallace Gregg Elementary School's Teacher of the Year for 2004-05. She and her husband Mel have a son, Trev, and they live in Effingham.

Adrel Langley received six awards for her work in the 2004 South Carolina Press Association News Contest. Adrel is employed with the Lake City News & Post. She is married to Tony Langley and they have a daughter, Allison. They live in Johnsonville.

Brandis Watkins Swink is account executive for Coastal Outdoor Advertising in Myrtle Beach.

Jay Willis has completed the MBA program through Winthrop University.

2001

David C. Blease is a physician assistant in cardiothoracic surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina. He and his wife Ginny live in North Charleston.

Megan Duran is in her second year as assistant women's basketball coach at Hartwick College in Oneonta,

Herman Howard Funderburk Jr. and Latoya Nicole Ellison '04 were married Feb. 12, 2005. He is employed with Carbis Inc. They live in Florence.

Brandie Osborne Hayes and Nick Hayes '02 announce the birth of a son, Chrisopher Blane, on May 9, 2005. Brandie is director of alumni relations



at Francis Marion University. They live in Florence.

Dwayne Johnson teaches science and math at Kendrick Middle School in Clayton County, Atlanta, Ga. He is also defensive coach for the school's football team which recently won the Clayton County football championship. Dwayne lives in Stockbridge, Ga.

Misty Lee graduated with the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in May 2005.

Sarah Elizabeth Rush and James Williams Jones were married July 2, 2005. She is an accounting manager with Uniway of Columbia. They live in Columbia.

Marty Watson is an engineer with Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern Inc. (HSMM), an architectural and engineering consulting services company.

2002

Landon Boyce is employed with ERA Leatherman Realty as a real estate sales professional.

Christina Summer Harris and Kyle Lawrence Jones were married March 26, 2005. She is an elementary school teacher in Florence School District 1. They live in Florence.

Nick Hayes and Brandie Osborne Hayes '01 announce the birth of a son, Christopher Blane, on May 9, 2005. They live in Florence.

Crystal Poskey is assistant volleyball coach at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

Will Stokes is an agent in the Florence County office of S.C. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company.

Vicki L. Williams is coordinator of orientation and provisional programs at Francis Marion University. She lives in Florence.

2003

Ashley Filyaw Lowrimore is public programs manager at the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia.

Crystal Mayhew and Kenny Stiltner were married April 27, 2005. Crystal is employed with Rockingham County Schools. They live in Reidsville, N.C

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Amanda Jo Blackwell and George Randall Morris II were married June 11, 2005. She is employed with Florence School District 2. He is self-employed. They live in Pamplico.

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